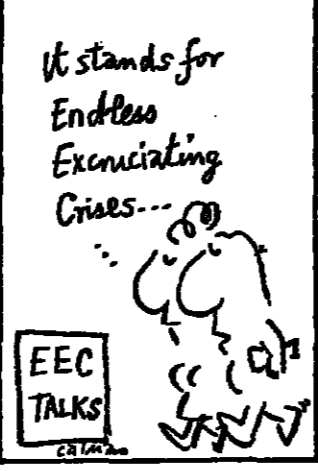


EEC on brink of collapse after fiasco in Athens

From Ian Murray, Athens

The longest ever European summit ended in Athens yesterday in total failure... The subject of the Times Profile is Lord Carrington...



EEC TALKS

New hope for Radio Times

The bumper Christmas issue of Radio Times should now be published after a decision by the print union...

Nato split

Nato foreign ministers from Western Europe are expected to reject an American call for higher spending on new military technology.

Guard accused

A security officer was charged with involvement in the £26m gold bullion robbery from a warehouse near Heathrow...

Car sale record

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Freed by a hair

Mervyn Russell, who spent seven years in jail for murder, was freed after a handful of hair proved that he could not have been the killer.

Bishop dies

Dr John Robinson, who as Bishop of Woolwich started the Church of England with unconventional views on doctrine and sex, has died.

Lambsdorff row

The Cologne Public Prosecutor is suing a Bavarian politician for slander over criticism of the way the corruption case against Otto Graf Lambsdorff was leaked to the press.

Le Monde crisis

Le Monde is again facing serious financial difficulties and has said it will have to lay off another 100 employees.

Cambridge win

Cambridge beat Oxford 20-9 in the university rugby match at Twickenham yesterday, finally overcoming the dogged Oxford defence.

Leaders page

Letters: On conveyancing, from Lord Harris of High Cross, and Mr R Lee; civil defence, from Mr Douglas Hurd, MP...

Table with 3 columns: Home News, Law Report, Parliament, etc.



Journey of hope: Mr Lars Ljungberg is wheeled to an intensive care ward after his heart-lung transplant operation at Harefield Hospital yesterday.

Heart-lung transplant 'a success'

By Thomson Prentice Medical Reporter

The doors of the operating theatre swung open a few minutes before 3 pm yesterday and the trolley bearing Mr Lars Ljungberg...

Bomb on Jerusalem bus kills four

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The dangerous level of tension in the Middle East was heightened yesterday when a large bomb exploded on a crowded Israeli bus...

Electricity price to be held down

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Electricity prices are unlikely to go up before next autumn, and then by less than 1 per cent.

Footballer wins claim for injuries

A former Scottish footballer accepted an out-of-court settlement yesterday in a damages action over injuries he suffered on the field.

School fees made possible by C. Howard & Partners

School fees are a major family budget headache. C. Howard & Partners, the leading planning specialists, provide individual advice on how to secure private education from money invested as a lump sum or from income or a combination.

Summit row can help Tories

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

Conservative and Labour MPs expect Common Market negotiations over budgetary arrangements and the Common Agricultural Policy to reach their climax at the Paris summit next June.

Bonn pays £8m for manuscript

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

West Germany mounted a magnificent rescue of its cultural heritage at Sotheby's in London yesterday, paying £8,140,000 for a twelfth-century illuminated manuscript of the Gospels.

Heseltine complains about nuclear film

By David Hewson

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, yesterday formally complained to the Independent Broadcasting Authority about the content of the film 'The Day After' which is to be shown on Saturday night.

Grenada law chief walks out on Scoon

From Trevor Fishlock New York

Mr Anthony Rushford, the British specialist on constitutional law who was Attorney-General in Grenada's interim administration, walked out of his job and left the island without telling Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor-General, or submitting a letter of resignation.

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Handful of hair clears convicted killer after seven years in jail

Fresh evidence from a pathologist about hairs found in a murdered girl's hand yesterday cleared the man convicted of killing her seven years ago.

Mervyn John Russell, aged 39, was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court in 1977 for stabbing Miss Alison Bigwood.

Yesterday he walked free from the Court of Appeal after Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that the fresh evidence pointed inescapably to the fact that Mr Russell could not have been the killer.



Free: Mervyn Russell before his conviction.

Mr Russell, who had been a squatter in the block of flats in Deptford, south London, where Miss Bigwood lived, had spent more than seven years in prison since his arrest a few weeks after the killing.

He had gone to the police and admitted possession of the murder weapon, although he said the knife was also used by other squatters.

Mr Russell was convicted in October 1977, and appealed the following November. The appeal judges held that they had no "hurdling doubt" over the safety of the conviction, but the law reform pressure group justice did have doubts.

The case was referred back to the Court of Appeal by the Home Office after a documentary on BBC Television's *Rough Justice* series.

The Home Office also ordered the exhumation of another man who figured in the case at the time of the killing in 1976.

Mr Russell's lawyers wanted a sample of head hair from the corpse of Mr Michael Molnar to be compared with that found in the victim's hand, but the comparison proved useless.

Lord Lane, who sat with Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson, said the fresh evidence from the pathologist, Dr John Torry, had caused the court great anxiety. It pointed

inescapably to the fact that Miss Bigwood, an art student aged 20, had clutched the head of her killer and there was no doubt that the hairs did not belong to Mr Russell.

"We see no escape, despite the very strong prosecution case against this man, from the conclusion that something may very well have gone wrong in this case", he said.

The judge said earlier that circumstantial evidence was often very powerful and could sometimes outweigh identification evidence.

"But if, in a case which depends on circumstantial evidence, there are unexplained features which are not consistent with the guilt of the accused, then any conviction may well turn out to be unsafe."

Dr Torry's evidence was the only aspect of Mr Russell's new appeal that the judges allowed. Two other points were rejected.

After the case, Mr Tom Sargent, former secretary of Justice, said he would press for compensation for Mr Russell.

Mr Sargent said Mr Russell was "in a state of extreme shock. Right up until the last moment he thought he was going back to prison tonight."

He said Mr Russell would spend his first night of freedom with friends in London. "He has not had time to think about the future yet."

Car sales set record but imports fall

New car sales in Britain for the first 11 months of this year broke the previous record for any full year, thanks to a sudden upsurge in buying during the closing days of November. More than 1,720,000 cars were registered from January to November, compared with 1,716,000 in the whole of 1979. But November was not a happy month for the importers. New car registration details released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders yesterday showed that the importers' 53.7 per cent share of the market was the second lowest in three years.

Datsun, the largest importer, saw its November share fall from 10.3 to 5.2 per cent. Volkswagen-Audi was another substantial loser, down from 7.8 to 4.2 per cent.

But the biggest contributor to the importers' fortunes of British built cars was Ford which has been importing nearly half its sales from West

£5,000 an acre for prime land

Competition for prime agricultural land has forced prices for small acreages to record levels of up to £5,000 an acre in the past few months, particularly in the fenland area of East Anglia, according to a report published yesterday.

Writing in *Property Outlook '84* published by Savills, surveyors and property consultants, Mr Henry Richards says that during the year prices for the best farms have increased by 10 to 20 per cent, and continued improvement is expected for 1984.

The area attracting the highest prices is a small part of the fens, about 40,000 acres, in the Spalding and Boston area of Lincolnshire. In September small parcels of Grade 1 silt land, fetched from £3,500 an acre. Grade 1 land comprises about 2 per cent of agricultural land, of which one-sixth is silt.

In a separate article, Mr Geoffrey van Cutsem predicts a 12 per cent increase during 1984 for residential property as a whole.

Maritime Museum to charge

The National Maritime Museum is to become the first national museum to impose admission charges in an attempt to compensate for public spending cuts.

Visitors to the museum and the Old Royal Observatory, both at Greenwich, south London, will pay £1.50 admission from next April, with reduced rates for children, pensioners, the disabled and unemployed, and people living near the museum.

Dr Neil Cossons, the museum's director, said yesterday: "The only way forward I can see is to increase revenue. This would bring in £500,000 of new money and increase our disposable income by 34 per cent, so it is a very significant extra."

The museum attracts about 600,000 visitors a year, many of them tourists, and receives nearly £6m in public subsidy from the Office of Arts and Libraries and the Property Services Agency.

The extra money will enable the museum to reopen on Mondays and on public holidays when it has traditionally been closed. More than half will be devoted to restoring services, marketing the museum and catering for people living near it, Dr Cossons said.

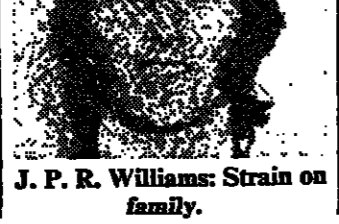
Rugby star abandons libel action

Dr J P R Williams, the former Welsh rugby international, said yesterday he is abandoning his libel action over allegations of "shamateurism" made in the *Daily Telegraph*.

His decision came after a Court of Appeal ruling yesterday which means he will have to pay an estimated £30,000 costs. He said he was withdrawing because of strain on his family and his financial resources.

Dr Williams, aged 33, an orthopaedic surgeon, was awarded £20,000 damages last year over allegations that he broke the rules by accepting money for his autobiography. Last month the Court of Appeal quashed the award and ordered a new trial.

The newspaper will have to pay an estimated £50,000 costs.



J. P. R. Williams: Strain on family.

Charge over boy in waste bin

A schoolboy aged 12 appeared at Camberwell Juvenile Court, south London, yesterday, accused of taking away a boy aged 4 by force and causing him actual bodily harm. He was remanded in the care of Southwark Borough Council until next Tuesday.

The boy he is accused of taking was found in a waste bin in Burgess Park, Walworth, south London.

Hypnotic drive for more sales

A security firm in Tamworth, Staffordshire, is sending its five salesmen for weekly half-hour sessions with a hypnotist to encourage them to "get up and go" and increase orders.

The managing director, Mr Dennis Wall, said that he had tried giving them "pep" talks and taking them for a drink but he thought the hypnotist would be even more effective.

Deadline met

The UK Optical Company at Cydwell, Dyfed, has taken just 10 weeks to make 1,500,000 spectacle lenses for the Soviet Union, taking on an extra 120 staff to complete the order in time.

BR tries airliner-style coaches

The familiar sign that "passengers must not use the lavatory while the train is standing in the station" is likely to begin disappearing as a new generation of airliner-style railway coaches come into operation.

British Rail Engineering has begun testing a prototype of its "international coach" destined chiefly for the lucrative £400m a year export market for rolling stock. But it is due to go into experimental service on the London-Manchester and London-Liverpool routes late next year.

Designed to make passengers think they are in an airliner, the coaches will boast luxury reclining seats, stereo headsets, telephones, tray meals brought to the seat and a trolley buffet. Railway operators will also be offered "retention toilets" of the type in use on aircraft which will do away with that infuriating wait

while the train pulls out of a station.

More prosaically but more important to the Engineering management, the "international coach" is intended to win the state rolling-stock builder a bigger slice of the world market than the meagre 2 per cent it has now.

The coaches will cost about £250,000 each, and the firm hopes to capture £20m of business a year by offering luxury carriages suitable for practically any leading gauge. Africa and the Middle East are regarded as prime targets for the company.

Mr Philip Norman, the company's managing director, said yesterday: "My international coach is going to be the return of the real first class. We are trying to break into the international market." But many jobs and perhaps the future of the company's huge

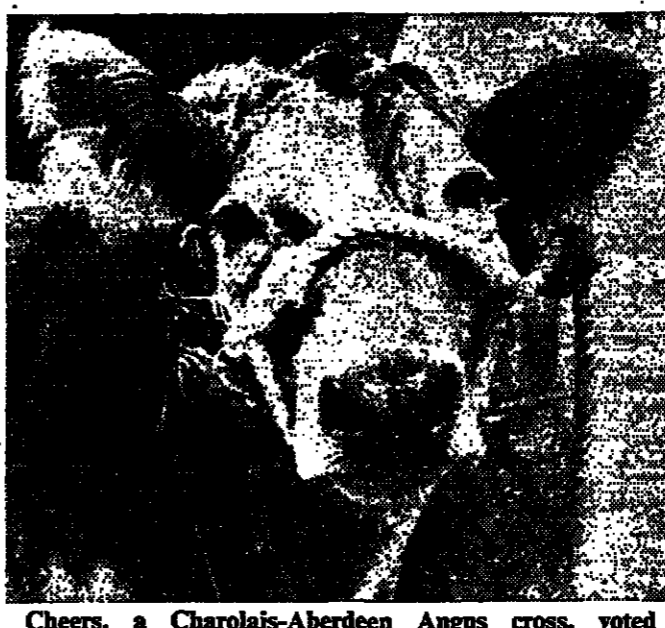
workshops in Derby also rest on the prestige venture.

British Rail Engineering has reduced its labour force by about a quarter in the past three years, from 37,000 down to 28,000 and manpower is set to be cut still further next year with the closure of the 1,200-employee Shildon wagon works in co Durham by June 30. Temple Mills works in east London has practically shut, and Horwich, near Bolton, Greater Manchester is in the throes of closure.

The company bidding for £120m worth of orders in Nigeria and for a similar amount of business in Greece for high-speed trains, locomotives, rail buses and wagons. Orders from sources other than British Rail have totalled £12m in the past six weeks. Among them is an order for coaches to be supplied to the Irish Republic.



New butchering trend: The meat in the upper tray is traditionally-cut silverside. The rest is steaks cut from silverside by seaming a single muscle.



Cheers, a Charolais-Aberdeen Angus cross, voted supreme champion at Smithfield yesterday.

Meat trade's quest to sell more beef

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

To no one's surprise, the supreme champion of this year's Royal Smithfield Show is yet again a Charolais-Aberdeen Angus cross steer and yet again from Scotland.

Present conventional wisdom is that the mating of big continental breeds with native beef cattle is the way to get the best of both worlds.

However, it is no disrespect to this year's winner, Cheers, or to its owner, Mr John Lascelles, of Carnonnie, Tayside, to suggest that it is not particularly relevant to the present problems of the meat industry.

For several years consumption of beef and lamb has been declining. This is generally attributed to their relatively high prices and to the competitive appeal of processed convenience foods, but Mr Geoffrey Harrington, director of planning and development at the Meat and Livestock Commission, thinks that it may also be due to dissatisfaction with quality.

There are several possible reasons why beef is not what it used to be, the main one being that dairy herds have rapidly expanded at the expense of suckler herds. Most beef, therefore, comes from Friesian or Holstein bullocks which, for all their mothers' prowess as milk producers, do not provide the most tender or tasty meat.

Another reason is that modern slaughterhouse techniques involve rapid chilling of carcasses, with no time for the meat to hang properly. Butchers have complained that because the animals are bigger than they used to be, they are slaughtered too early instead of being left to grow to maturity.

Scientists tend to dismiss such complaints as nonsense and the acrimony came to a head at the recent Scottish Agricultural Winter Fair when one of the judges described the commission as "crackpots" for encouraging the production of excessively lean meat.

The commission is now setting up consumer panels to test acceptability.

Dissections in biology lessons for review

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Complaints about the cutting up of animals in biology lessons are causing the nine GCE examination boards in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to consider whether dissection should be required for O and A level.

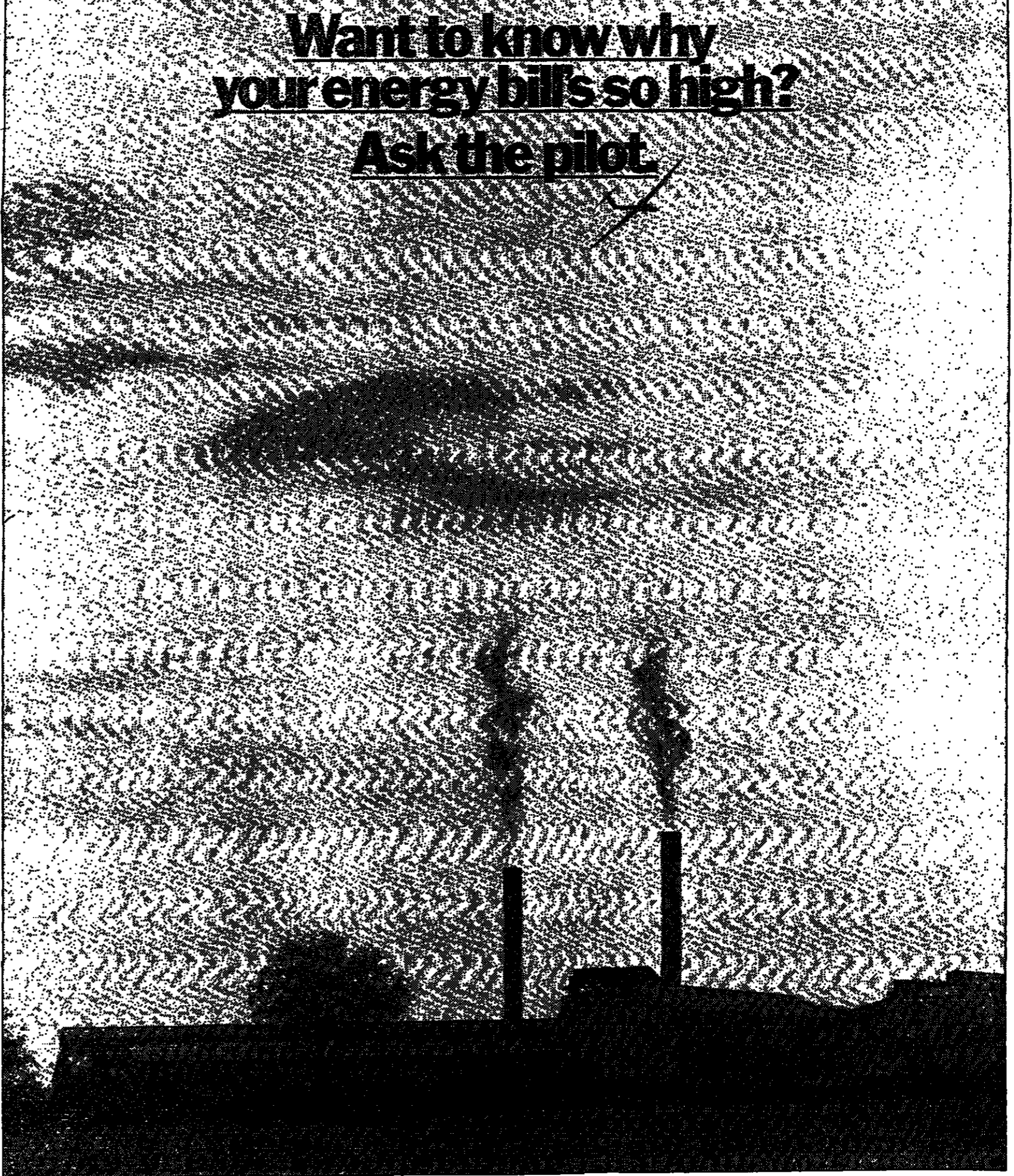
The boards' biology subject officers are to discuss a paper surveying present practices and attitudes and whether these should be changed. The paper will be prepared by Mr Howard King, a biologist and one of the secretaries of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.

This initiative comes as the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection is distributing leaflets entitled *Dissection: Your Right to Refuse* to schools and coincides with a similar review by the Inner London Education Authority. Some children have refused to take part in dissection exercises.

Mr King said the Oxford and Cambridge boards had received only three complaints, all from members of the public. But local education officers had also approached the boards to ask for a clarification of present practices.

Most of the nine examination boards include dissection of a mammal, almost always a rat, in the syllabus for practical A level biology and zoology. It will not always appear on an examination paper, but if it does and the pupil declines to answer, he or she will lose marks. The Associated Examining Board does not require dissection.

Dissection of an animal by a pupil is not required for biology O level although examiners expect children to know about the insides of a mammal. They would learn about this from models, diagrams and films or perhaps by switching their teacher perform a dissection.



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It's good news for you, but perhaps not quite such good news for the pilot.

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PM to report on UK troops in Lebanon

MIDDLE EAST

The position of British troops in the Lebanon was under constant review, Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House told the Commons when answering questions on behalf of the Prime Minister.



Seames: If attacked will we have air power?

Prospects of more in work and cut in long-term jobless

EMPLOYMENT

There were encouraging signs in the unemployment situation, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons questions.

Rejection of Bill on honours and political donations

PARTY FUNDS

An application by Mr Anasta Mitchell (Great Grimsby, Lab) for leave to bring in a Bill to limit political donations by companies so that such donations were paid by assessing shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings, and to regulate the method of payment, was rejected in the Commons by 271 votes to 172.

Aid and comfort to communist friends

NUCLEAR

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the Commons, agreed with a Conservative MP that CND's call for British withdrawal from Nato would give aid and comfort to their friends in communist countries.

Committee to clarify conflict

PRIVILEGE

Viccount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, introduced a motion in the Lords for the purpose of which, he explained, was to invite the Committee for Privileges to clarify an apparent conflict between the privilege of the House and certain statutory provisions which had recently been the subject of judicial comment.

Equal pay rules applied

EDUCATION

The prophets of doom who had said the passing of the grammar schools in favour of comprehensive schools would mean the most able children would suffer, had been proved wrong, Mr Giles Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said during the report stage of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill.

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Falklands defence policy not of Britain's choosing

HOUSE OF LORDS

Once the present rehabilitation, recovery and planning period was over, the cost of defending the Falkland Islands should be minimal, Lord Buxton of Alton (C) said when he opened the debate in the House of Lords.

Advertisement for Peter Dominic wine featuring a list of wine types (RED, SPARKLING, PARTY SIZES) and prices, along with an image of wine bottles and a 'CIGARETTE OFFERS' section.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'Judge Law Result' and 'Buxton: Impasse reached over sovereignty'.

Judges criticize labour laws for 'curious result' in Dimbleby case

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The Court of Appeal dealing with a union dispute at Mr David Dimbleby's newspaper group strongly criticiz... the implications of the Government's labour laws yesterday.

Giving reasons for rejecting an appeal by the National Union of Journalists, the judges declared that the Employment Act, 1980, had produced a "curious result" in the case.

The union has been defying a High Court injunction ordering it to withdraw a strike instruction given to its members at the Richmond & Twickenham Times group in south-west London owned by Mr Dimbleby, the broadcaster.

The journalists are taking action because Mr Dimbleby decided to transfer the printing of his newspapers to the non-union TBF Printers in Nottingham.

The union argued that because the company was associated with T. Bailey Foreman, with which it has a five-year-old dispute, the strike could not be described as "secondary action" and therefore illegal.

The Court of Appeal yesterday explained that the action was secondary because the two companies were separate legal entities, and it refused leave for the union to appeal to the House of Lords. But the judges expressed strong reservations about the effect of the law.

If T. Bailey Foreman had

produced the papers on its own presses, the union's action would have been protected. However, owner of the business chose to operate through an associated company, TBF Printers, so the union did not have the protection of the law.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said some people think it odd that the union's liability should depend on what might reasonably be regarded as almost a matter of chance.

"Whether or not the union would be right so to regard the position, that appears without doubt to be the law," Sir John said.

Lord Justice Griffiths said the dispute that had blown up had nothing to do with the Dimbleby journalists' terms and conditions of employment. Neither the union nor the journalists had raised any complaint about their terms and conditions.

One union source said that employers now had only to set up numerous "ghost" companies in order to destroy the effectiveness of the whole trade union movement.

Meanwhile, in a statement yesterday, Mr Dimbleby said there would be a "pause" before he sought to take contempt of court action over the union's refusal to withdraw the strike instruction.

Such action could lead to fines and eventually sequestration of the unions funds.

Mr Dimbleby said he was "determined the injunction we won will be observed".

On Friday the union's executive meets in London and will discuss the statement and the possibility of appealing directly to the House of Lords.

Mr Dimbleby is expected to meet Mr Kenneth Ashton, NUJ general secretary, next Monday.

Picket fined

A lecturer was fined yesterday for an offence in connection with the picketing of the Messenger group in Cheshire (our Liverpool Correspondent writes).

Bruce Spencer, aged 37, of Bridge Avenue, Ormskirk, Lancashire, was arrested on Tuesday last week for obstructing the road outside the Warrington print works.

Warrington magistrates were told yesterday he threw himself in front of a van leaving the premises and then sat down in the road. He was fined £25 with £25 costs.

A Sogart '82 union worker, William Mottershead, was bailed to appear at a date to be fixed. Mr Mottershead, aged 30, of Holcombe Avenue, Bury, was remanded in his absence accused of causing an obstruction.

A further 21 men, all arrested on the picket line, were remanded on bail.

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Mr David Crouch, Conservative MP for Canterbury, and one of the organizers of the annual art exhibition by MPs, with Sir William Rees-Mogg, Chairman of the Arts Council, at the opening ceremony in the Upper Waiting Hall at the House of Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Audience boost for Festival Hall

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

Concert audiences at the Festival Hall have risen for the first time in five years, which may mean a cut in the GLC's £4m subsidy.

About 459,000 people attended concerts at the hall between April and November, an increase of 30,000 over the same period last year, according to a report to be presented to the council's arts and recreation committee today. But audience levels are still well below those of two years ago.

A GLC survey suggests that the existing audience consists mainly of a "slowly declining number of middle-aged, upper class people making many visits a year".

Today's meeting is expected to back a £233,000 advertising campaign to attract more people. Mr Tony Banks, the committee chairman, said: "The dramatic rise in audiences at the Festival Hall marks the first upturn in its fortunes for five years."

It means not only more people enjoying the best in music, but also the future promise of reducing the current GLC subsidy of around £4m a year.

South Bank Concert Halls		
	Admissions	GLC subsidy April-Nov
1981	512,989	£3.9m
1982	428,070	£3.8m
1983	459,074	£4.3m

Death crash driver 'may have been adjusting radio'

From Our Correspondent, Cullompton

The driver of a coach which crashed on the M5 killing a teacher and seriously injuring 20 school-children may have been adjusting his radio when the accident happened, a court was told yesterday.

The 57-seat coach crashed into the back of a lorry parked on the hard shoulder of the motorway at Cullompton, Devon, it was alleged at a special magistrates' court in Cullompton.

A teacher, Mrs Dalcia Moss, aged 28, died in the crash. Twenty children aged 13 and 14 were seriously injured and 20 other children and three adults were less badly hurt.

The coach driver, Allan Johnson, aged 34 of Nelson Street Barrow in Furnes, Cumbria, denied driving without due care and attention. He was on the final leg of an overnight trip from the Lake School in Windermere when the crash happened six months ago.

He was driving the party to Plymouth to join the ferry for a school trip to France.

Mr Martin Adams, for the prosecution, said that Johnson's eyes may have been off the road as he adjusted his radio. Mr Adams said that forensic tests showed the coach had been travelling at up to 78 mph.

Johnson conceded to police that he was going above the legal speed limit.

The case was adjourned until today.

'Neglected' horses had to be shot

From Craig Seton Minehead

Six horses left in "a beautiful condition" in the care of three men while their owner was away, were so badly neglected that two of them had to be shot, it was alleged at Minehead Magistrates' Court in Somerset, yesterday.

The court was told that Mr Roland Ford, a partner in a firm of auctioneers and chairman of the Quantock Stagbonds, was appointed land agent and was in overall charge when Mrs Barbara Henson went to New Zealand for six months.

Mr Ford, of Sampford Brett, near Minehead; Mr Nelson Burden, a farm manager; and Mr Thomas Stark, a farm worker, all denied causing unnecessary suffering to animals.

Mr Michael Lloyd-Davies, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that Mrs Henson, of Crowcombe, near Taunton, returned from New Zealand to find that one of her horses had been shot and five others were in an "appalling" state.

Mr Lloyd-Davies said they had been examined a month earlier and a veterinary surgeon had found a stallion lying in an emaciated condition with little food in the vicinity. "It was clear that it was suffering from starvation. It was in such a bad state that the vet returned later that day and shot it".

The case continues on January 3.

Adamson sued by solicitor

Mr Peter Adamson, who was dismissed as a Coronation Street actor, is being sued for £48,000 by Mr Colin Nuttall, the solicitor who helped to clear him of indecency charges.

Mr Nuttall has issued a writ for the recovery of legal fees he says he is owed by Mr Adamson.

The case will be heard today, the day that Mr Adamson's screen character, Len Fairclough is killed off in a motorway crash in the Granada television serial.

Mr Gerald Taylor, Bury District Registrar, is expected to agree to an application from Mr Adamson's London solicitors, whom he employed after dismissing Mr Nuttall, for the account to be subject to a taxation, a private line-by-line examination of the fees.

Mr Nuttall said yesterday that the £48,000 was made up of £35,000 of his own fees and £13,000 which he had still to pay towards the cost of Mr George Carman, a barrister, and Mr John Dowse, a junior barrister.

"I have had so much aggravation from this case that I wish I had never taken it on in the first place", Mr Nuttall said. He felt his £50-an-hour fee for 700 hours was not extraordinary for such a case.

"There is a lot of responsibility when dealing with a major trial like this."

Mr Adamson, aged 53, is earning a reported £1,000 a week as Inspector Hubbard in Agatha Christie's *Dial M for Murder* at Vaudeville Theatre in London.

Car that killed five had defective brakes

A wealthy farmer whose Bentley ploughed into a queue of traffic, killing a family of five, knew that his car's brakes were faulty, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

Thomas Dale, aged 63, of Scoughall Farm, North Berwick, had driven at speeds of 70 mph, overtaking dangerously and had ignored traffic lights before the crash, the court was told.

It was alleged that Dale, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, had driven into the family's Citroen 2CV rather than swerve off the road.

Sianne Adamson aged 7, her sister Sasha, aged 3, Stefan Gosbee, aged 13 months and their mother Fiona Campbell, aged 24, all died immediately. Miss Campbell's fiancé, Stephen Gosbee, aged 24, died later in hospital.

The family of Cumbrae Park, Glenrothes, Fife, were travelling to Mr Gosbee's parents' home in Essex when the crash happened at temporary traffic lights near Belford.

Their car was last in the queue when Dale's 30-year-old Bentley ran into it after overtaking a lorry. The Citroen was so badly crushed that the rear seat was imbedded in the windscreen.

Dale admitted causing the deaths by reckless driving and was given a six-month suspended jail sentence, fined £2,000 and banned from driving for life.

Mr John Milford, for the prosecution, said: "He was driving far too fast when he well knew he had defective brakes, and against a background of a disease which slowed him down."

Cruel Kissinger cartoon 'not anti-semitic'

A deliberately cruel attack on Dr Henry Kissinger in a cartoon strip in *The Guardian* was intended to lampoon him for his policies and not because he was Jewish, the Press Council says today in rejecting a complaint that the cartoon was offensive and anti-semitic.

Mr David Myers, of Westminster, Kent, had equated the cartoon with Nazi propaganda and said he was stunned that such a "mindless and offensive" portrayal was endorsed by *The Guardian*.

In the strip cartoon *IF...* Dr Kissinger was caricatured as a turkey with an exaggerated nose. Mr Myers wrote to the editor: "The unforgivable hurt you have perpetrated, the blind and callous injustice you have inflicted and your chilling and wicked disregard for the feelings of others can only bring

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The Lebanon crisis: Low-key response in Damascus; European worries grow

Syria wants to cool tension despite shooting down drones

From Robert Fisk, Damascus
Despite shooting down two pilotless Israeli reconnaissance aircraft yesterday, the Syrians appear to want to set limits to the propaganda victory which they feel they scored on Sunday when their troops destroyed two American naval jets during US air raids on Syrian positions in Lebanon.

Syria leaders, who have decided that the American pilot held captive in Damascus should not be put on public display or subjected to a press conference, have asked Western ambassadors here to urge restraint upon Washington least the military crisis gets out of control.

More than two weeks ago, it transpired, Syria sent messages to the Americans, warning them that reconnaissance flights over the Syrian occupied Bekaa Valley in Lebanon would be intercepted.

The Syrians told a diplomat at one neutral embassy that American jets would no more be permitted to fly over Syrian positions than Syrian jets would be permitted by the Americans to make reconnaissance flights over the US Sixth Fleet steaming off the Lebanese coast.

American diplomats in Damascus, who are still allowed to move freely around the city, were yesterday making further approaches through the International Red Cross to Syria for the release of Lieutenant Robert Goodman, the pilot captured after he bailed out of his jet on Sunday.

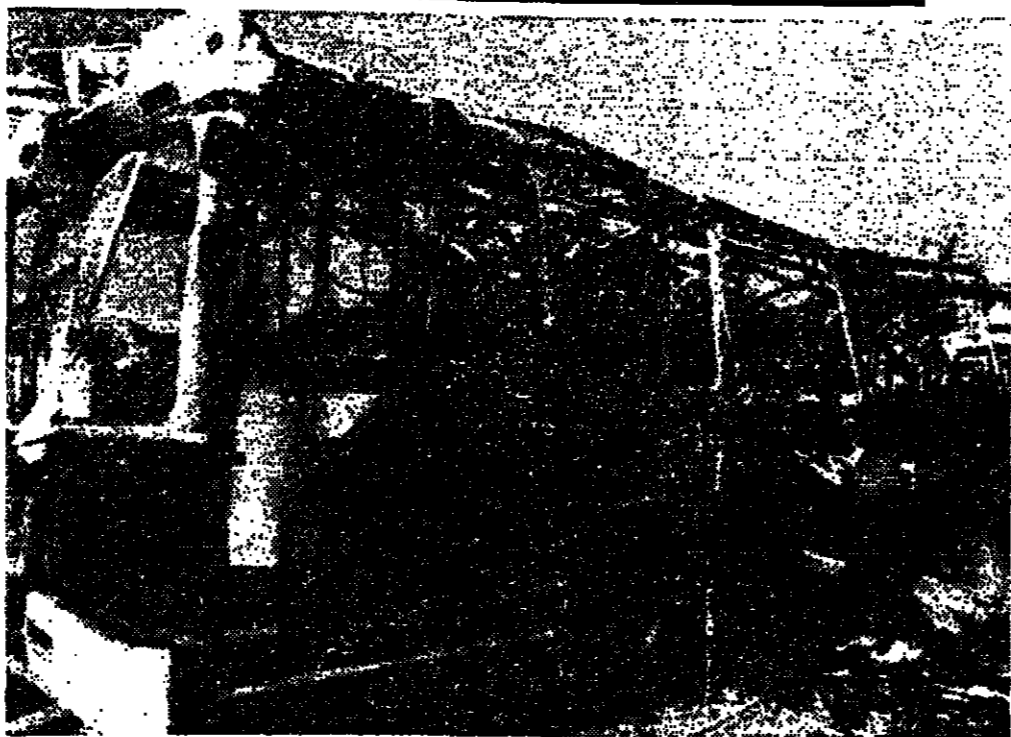
Lieutenant Goodman, it has been disclosed in Damascus, put up quite a struggle after landing in the Bekaa Valley, fighting off Syrian captors with his fists until forced to the ground and overwhelmed by seven soldiers who grabbed his legs and arms to stop further resistance.

The American Embassy has also been seeking the remains of Lieutenant Goodman's navigator, who died after losing a leg. But the Syrians have so far refused to hand over his body.

The Syrians are only too happy to channel their appeals to Washington through the diplomatic corps in Damascus since they know that several Western ambassadors were appalled by the political implications of Sunday's American air strike.

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Aftermath: Israeli experts examining the wreckage of a bus blown up by a bomb in Jerusalem with the loss of four lives.

When Syrian anti-aircraft missiles shot down the two Israeli drones yesterday, the news was immediately broadcast by the official Syrian newsagency Sana, which claimed it to be another example of Syria's preparedness in the face of "Israeli-American aggression."

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new interest by Israel in Syrian strength behind the UN ceasefire lines which lie due south-east of Damascus.

The Syrians have a habit of believing their own propaganda but they are clearly concerned that the Americans are planning some attack on them, perhaps in coordination with Israel. This may well account for the speed with which they have reportedly agreed to the evacuation from the Lebanese port of Tripoli of Mr Yassir Arafat and his PLO guerrillas.

Under the terms of a document drawn up by Mr Rashid Krai, the pro-Syrian former Lebanese Prime Minister, several thousands of Mr Arafat's men will leave Tripoli on board six Greek ships paid

Slander writs fly over press leak in Lambsdorff case

From Michael Binyon, Bonn
A new twist was added to the Lambsdorff affair yesterday, when the Cologne public prosecutor sued the acting secretary of the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) for slander after his criticisms of the way the case against the Minister of Economics was leaked to the press.

The prosecutor's office has already announced that it intends to bring charges of defamation against Herr Gerold Tandler for his remarks at the weekend that the prosecution case against Otto Graf Lambsdorff was a "justice scandal of the first order," and for comparing the "character assassination" of the count with the terrorist murders of Jürgen Ponto and Hans-Martin Schleyer in 1977.

Frau Inge Donnepf, the Social Democratic Minister of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, confirmed yesterday that she was also taking out a civil suit against Herr Tandler, who had called for an inquiry into her responsibility for the

extensive leaks. Herr Tandler said yesterday he stood by his remarks. Meanwhile, indictments have now been served on all those named by the Bonn prosecutor except Count Lambsdorff. The charges of bribery and corruption were made against two managers of the Flick group of companies, against a former minister of North Rhine-Westphalia and against Herr Hans-Friedrich, Count Lambsdorff's predecessor as Minister of Economics. A defence lawyer said the prosecutor had not completed the lengthy indictment against the count.

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic Parliamentary leader, announced that his party will formally call on the Bundestag to vote for Count Lambsdorff's resignation later this week.

The count has protested his innocence, but Dr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, has confirmed that the minister will resign if and when court proceedings open against him.

These deaths appear to be in direct retaliation for the murder since October of nine police, soldiers and security guards whose 45 pistols were stolen after they were shot, Mr Salipada Pendatun, a former Senator said. The policemen were killed, most by a single shot in the head, and their guns stolen by assailants who operated in pairs, police officials said.

Separate inquiries were promised by city council and police officials after 2,000 Muslims marched to the Manila town hall on Monday to protest against the alleged killing of 20 Muslims in the past two months.

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Five killed in school bus crash

France (AP) - Five French schoolchildren were killed, and 10 people injured, five of them seriously, when a school bus crashed off the icy Paris-Strasbourg road in eastern France yesterday.

The bus was carrying 49 children aged 13 to 15 and four teachers from a school in Joinville to Paris. It crashed into a field, rolling on its roof, near Vitry-le-Francois, about 110 miles east of Paris.

Shuttle clank

Houston (AFP) - The flight of the Columbia space shuttle carrying the European space lab was officially prolonged for an extra day despite a bizarre but apparently innocuous clanking heard on board. It will touch down at the Southern California Air Base tomorrow morning.

Wider victory

Caracas (AP) - Señor Jaime Lusinchi, who won a landslide presidential victory also earned a comfortable majority in the Venezuelan Congress. Of 42 senators elected on Sunday, Señor Lusinchi's party won at least 30 seats, and in the House of Representatives he won more than 100 of the approximately 200 seats.

Nuns ejected

Tequeigalpa (Reuter) - Honduras police in helicopters and cars surrounded an Air Florida plane which landed with 68 American nuns and other churchwomen on board and forced it to fly back to the United States. The women were to take part in "peace vigils" on the border with Nicaragua.

Reelection risks for Reagan

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

There is growing concern in the White House about the impact that America's expanding role in the Lebanese conflict could have on President Reagan's reelection prospects next year assuming he seeks a second term.

Although public reaction to Sunday's air strike by American jets against Syrian positions has been relatively mild, the President's advisers are keenly aware there could be "unpleasant surprises" for the US in Lebanon during the next few months.

The advisers hope the show of force by the US may finally make Syria seriously consider withdrawing its troops. But they also recognize that the more active role on which the Reagan Administration has embarked contains many risks and could, as in Vietnam, inexorably produce a steadily-expanding US military commitment in the region.

One reason why the growing US role has not produced any significant outcry so far is that Congress is in recess. However, it seems certain to press for a re-examination of the War Powers Act as soon as it reconvenes at the end of next month.

Two months ago Congress approved a compromise which allowed deployment of US forces with the multinational peace-keeping force in Lebanon for 18 months. The legislation specified that there should be no "substantial expansion in the number or role" of US forces.

It was largely to keep within the terms of the compromise that Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said Sunday's raid was a strictly defensive measure.

Yesterday, in an attempt to emphasize US commitment to the search for a diplomatic solution, Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the President's special adviser, left for the Middle East to explore the possibility of more negotiations on troop withdrawals.

Mr Rumsfeld: Looking for a diplomatic solution.

Luce cuts short his Gulf visit and Italy rethinks role

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, cut short his visit to the Gulf and rushed back to London last night because of the situation in Lebanon.

It has been decided that he should brief Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on his talks in Damascus at the weekend before Sir Geoffrey - just back from the EEC summit in Athens - leaves again for the Nato meeting in Brussels tomorrow and on Friday.

Headlines have thus predictably referred to Syria's "heroic retaliation". No mention has been made of the deaths of eight US Marines in Beirut on Sunday.

It is expected that Sir Geoffrey will voice Britain's continuing concern over any action that leads to the maintenance of high status of tension in Lebanon, and will emphasize that Britain will not allow the British contingent of the multinational force to be drawn more deeply into the crisis.

Britain originally agreed only with reluctance to allow a contingent to join the peace-keeping force, largely because of fears that it might be sucked into an escalating crisis.

Sir Geoffrey is likely to make it clear that Britain fears that actions such as the American air attacks at the weekend, run the great danger of exacerbating the situation, and increase the risks of the British contingent being drawn into an unacceptable situation.

The fact that the breakfast meeting will be in Brussels was being described yesterday as "fortuitous". It is described as a private meeting between four nations, and it will be in Brussels because the ministers will be assembling there for a routine meeting of the Nato Council of Ministers.

ROME: Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, has called a meeting of his inner Cabinet for tonight to deal with the problem of whether to withdraw the Italian contingent from Lebanon and how to do so with tact and dignity (Peter Nichols writes).

The Government is under pressure from both the Communist Opposition and from opinion from within the ruling coalition ranks to consider its role in the multi-national peace-keeping force.

Italians had hoped that a review of its purpose in Lebanon might successfully have been undertaken with the other three countries concerned, first with the British as the contingent apparently closes to the Italian outlook. The principal difference between the British and Italian positions is that the Italians are far more numerous than the British.

The fundamental change in the nature of the force was seen to have come about as a result of the behaviour of the American and French contingents that adopted individual reprisal as part of their legitimate activities.

Signor Craxi is particularly upset that the French did not consult him before undertaking their reprisal raid despite the fact that it took place a matter of hours before was due to meet President Mitterrand of France in Venice.

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Argentine junta dissolves itself

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The three-man junta which headed Argentina's military government has ordered its own dissolution, putting an end to more than seven years of unpopular military government and paving the way for an elected civilian Government due to take office on Saturday.

The newly elected Congress is due to proclaim Señor Raul Alfonsín, the winner of elections on October 30, as the country's next President today.

The outgoing President, General Reynaldo Bignone, will remain as provisional President until Señor Alfonsín is sworn in on Saturday.

The junta has also annulled all the statutes and by-laws enacted by the military Government which seized power in March 1976, thus eliminating the last formal vestiges of military power.

The junta was the last of four which have held power since 1976, including the one over which General Galtieri presided, which ordered Argentina's disastrous occupation of the Falklands. That defeat and growing resistance to the Government's repressive social and economic policies made it impossible for the military to

retain power, and shortly after the war it announced elections. MADRID: Señora Isabel Perón, widow of the former Argentine dictator, is temporarily to abandon her exile in Spain and visit Buenos Aires to coincide with the inauguration of Señor Alfonsín. Peronist sources indicated here (Richard Wigg writes). She was due to leave last night and will be staying in Argentina for about 10 days. She will be accompanied by a Spanish woman friend and her chief bodyguard, a Croatian exile. She has been living in Spain since June, 1981.

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The Athens summit: Britain resists pressure on the budget and puts the ball in MEPs' court

EEC faces cash crisis after total failure to agree on anything

From Ian Murray, Athens

With the total failure of the Athens summit to agree on anything, the Community has to prepare for the fact that it will run out of money between July and September of next year.

If nothing can be agreed before then on how to reduce farm spending - and the signs are not good - then only a miraculous conjunction of bad weather, a collapsing dollar and a very bad world harvest could eke out the community budget until the end of the year.

But that is the best possible scenario. It assumes that the European Parliament does not carry out its threat next week to freeze the EEC budget for next year precisely because the Athens summit failed to relaunch the "community of the second generation", which MEPs want.

Parliament meets to vote on this on Thursday of next week. Its members have been put under intense pressure in recent days by government and political parties in their own countries to make sure the budget does get passed.

But in this matter Parliament tends to have a will of its own, and with the direct elections to Europe looming next June, it might well decide

that the time has come to make an impression.

It would not be a very deep impression. If it froze the budget then, member states would pay and receive money in monthly instalments of the 1983 total. This would be only about £100m a month less than if Parliament did not block the budget.

On these grounds MEPs might decide instead not to freeze the whole budget, but simply to block the £457m rebate which Britain was promised during the Stuttgart European summit in June.

There is no question at this stage, however, of Britain withholding its payments to the Community, if that money is not paid over.

Britain wants and expects to receive the cash before the end of its financial year on March 31. Providing Parliament releases it before then, there would be no problem. Even after that Mrs Margaret Thatcher is likely to press for a new deal with higher compensation rather than stop the money. If she blocked payments it would merely accelerate the financial crisis Britain confidently expects will happen anyway, and the tactic would not make a difficult negotiating position any easier.

Parliament's attitude is therefore not causing anything

like as much concern as the fact that the Community just cannot summon up the ability to reach decisions. As long as Mrs Thatcher insists on saving money on farm spending and other countries insist on stopping her, the blockage is total.

In its proposals last June the Commission put forward a package of measures which would have saved about £1,560m. Britain thought this was not really enough, but the sum total of the savings proposed at the Athens summit came to scarcely £600m.

In preparing its budget for next year, the Commission assumed that its package of savings proposals - which included the idea of a £600m tax on oils and fats - would actually be agreed at Athens. That means that the hopelessly stretched 1984 budget is bound to be short of £1,560m on present estimates.

If farm spending goes on rising at anything like the 30 per cent rate it did this year, then these estimates will begin to look wildly optimistic. Early reports of grain planting in the United States add to the gloom. These show that American farmers are planting our far more land this year than last, which will inevitably add to the world glut and push up the already high cost of export restitutions to EEC farmers.

All these factors will start to come to a head in late summer. It is then that Britain expects the Community will be on the brink of the crisis brought about by failure at Athens. At that point the legally due payments to farmers will exceed the amount of money coming into the Community coffers. It will be possible to go on paying them some, but not all, of what they are supposed to receive.

Two other factors will add to this pressure. One is the fact that the Commission has already "mortgaged" part of next year's budget in withholding some 1983 payments in order to split out this year's budget. That means that this money will have to be found next month, depriving 1984 of another £250m.

The second factor is that annual price fixing has yet to add its inevitable cost to the package.

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Best foot forward: Mrs Thatcher arriving for the Athens EEC summit's last session.

Summit runs out of time in Cyprus

From Mario Modiano Athens

The breakdown of the European Community summit has seriously inhibited action on the Cyprus crisis. It left little time for top-level Greek-British consultations and it stopped the Ten from endorsing a condemnation of the Turkish-Cypriot secession.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, who chaired the summit, were too tired and too concerned to discuss in detail Britain's proposal for tripartite consultations of the three guarantors of Cypriot independence: Britain, Greece and Turkey.

They did manage, however, to snatch a few minutes from their last working dinner for Mrs Thatcher to realize that Mr Papandreu wished to reflect further on the merits of sitting at the same table with Turkey, the only country to have recognized the self-styled Turkish-Cypriot state.

Troops on alert as Solidarity orders peaceful protests

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The solidarity underground leadership has called for peaceful demonstrations throughout Poland next week, urging workers to march from their factories to town centres to commemorate those killed in the price protests of 1970 and in the first days of martial law two years ago.

The appeal comes at a time of remarkably intense security preparations - by the police and the Army - ahead of the official increases in food price rises due in January.

General Wojciech Jaruzelski, in his capacity as Chief of the National Defence Committee, has ordered a mobilization to check the defence preparedness of the Army. In towns and villages troops have already begun to check transport, communications and supply services. Officers have been visiting factories again, for the first time since the lifting of martial law last July.

Meanwhile, policemen are stopping cars within cities and on approach roads, checking engine numbers for stolen vehicles and searching boots.

The official explanation is that they are on an anti-crime

alert but it is clear that the search is on for underground activists. A communique in the press said that "the operation involves an intensive search for criminals and suspected criminals currently in hiding."

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Government spokesman, said yesterday that the military dragnet was prompted by the deteriorating international situation.

The underground leadership, who issued their appeal in the latest issue of the clandestine Warsaw weekly *Tygodnik Mazowski*, said the demonstrations should be held on December 16, the day when workers were shot in Gdansk in 1970 and the day, too, when miners were shot in the Wujek colliery in 1981.

"We will honour the memory of the dead with symbols of mourning and we shall show our will to fight by organizing peaceful demonstrations in the whole country. We shall leave our factories together and make marches, demonstrations and gatherings in the town centres. The responsibility for spoiling the peaceful character will be solely that of the authorities."

Air disaster families win first round

By William Norris

The families of nine members of Swansea Skydiving Club who died in a United States Army helicopter crash at Mannheim, West Germany, in September last year, have won the first stage of their legal battle for compensation.

A federal district court in Philadelphia has ruled that Boeing, the manufacturer of the helicopter, was responsible for the crash and liable for damages. Boeing had denied liability, claiming the machine was built to army specifications.

The helicopter, a twin-rotor Chinook, had been taking part in an air show when a rotor transmission failed. All 46 people on board, including skydivers from France, Britain and West Germany, were killed. Boeing is to appeal and it may be many months before compensation is paid. If the appeal fails, individual damage hearings will be held, in which awards will be unlimited.

Walk leads to discovery of ransom

Zeist, Holland (AP) - A walk in the woods by two nature lovers has enabled the authorities to recover the bulk of the ransom paid in the kidnapping of Mr Freddie Heineken, the brewery magnate, police disclosed yesterday.

Police uncovered the money on Monday, buried about a foot deep in a wooded area near this central Dutch city.

The authorities have withheld information on the actual ransom amount for fear that it might set some sort of target in future kidnappings. But Dutch television and newspapers have widely reported that between 30m and 35m guilders (£7m to £8m) was paid on November 28 as the price of freedom for Mr Heineken and his chauffeur. The two were rescued unharmed in a police raid two days later.

Police sent 50 officers to search the woods after the two strollers stumbled across part of the loot, a plastic bag containing 200 £100 bills.



An everyday story of countryfolk

1. Since the village bus service was axed, young Jack Norris has had to leave his home and friends in order to live nearer his job, 12 miles away. It's a shame the way the old place keeps losing so many of its young people.
2. The village bus service was so handy for Mrs. Payne. It meant that whatever she couldn't buy in the village, she could always get in the next town. Now there's no bus, she's got a problem. Not to mention a 3 mile walk. Because in common with 70% of British women, Mrs. Payne does not have a driving licence.
3. Like a lot of young people today, Alan Murphy can't get a job. And now, he doesn't even have the means to go after one, because he's got no bus service either. No bus. No job. No hope. Alan is finding village life more and more frustrating...
4. Mrs. Sarah Smith (68 last birthday) used to rely on the village bus to take her to the doctor's surgery. Now the bus service has gone, she either has to beg a lift or take a six mile hike. It seems that when you live in the country, you have to be fit to be ill.
5. Ted Armitage hasn't been on a bus in years. Hasn't needed to with the car. But he's far from happy about the effect the lack of a bus service is having on the village. Ted runs the local shop - and it's not good for business the way people keep packing up and leaving. And then there's his old ma. She used to rely on the bus a lot. Now she's going to be relying an awful lot more on Ted and his car.
6. It's not little Jane Harding's fault that her new secondary school is 2½ miles away from the village. But it's her problem. Because Jane's parents can't afford to run a car and the bus that took her to school has run its last journey. Now she has to bike it. And that's not much fun in the winter.
7. Tracy Cole is 17 and she's had it with village life. There was never much to do there anyway, but now the bus service has gone, she and her mates feel marooned. Never mind what her parents say, she's off to the bright lights and the big city just as soon as her bags are packed.

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Pretoria special constable given death sentence for murder

From Michael Hornsby, Windhoek

A former member of the Koevoet, a special South African counter-insurgency unit, was sentenced to death yesterday in the Windhoek Supreme Court for the murder of an Ovambo civilian in northern Namibia last January.

It is the first time that a member of the unit, whose Afrikaans name means "crowbar" and accurately reflects its reputation for brutality, has been sentenced to death, though many others have been accused of torturing and killing innocent civilians.

The man, Jonas Paulus, aged 23, was sentenced in addition to an effective 21 years in prison on related charges of attempted murder, rape and armed robbery.

Both men were members of Koevoet when they visited several kraals in the northern Ovambo area which borders Angola "in search of money and girls". Jonas Paulus shot dead a villager who refused to give him money and several days later threw a grenade at police when they tried to arrest him.

During the trial a psychiatrist said that the man had been turned into "a programmed killer" as a result of indoctrination by both the South Africans and by the Units movement of Dr Jonas Savimbi, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the Angolan Government.

In his summing up, Mr Justice Strydom dismissed the indoctrination argument as evidence of extenuation, the only grounds on which he could have avoided imposing the death penalty. He said that Jonas Paulus, while a trained killer, had been aware of the difference between a "war situation" and a "social situation".

The judge drew attention to the difficulties the police had in arresting Koevoet members who committed crimes, and to the fact that Koevoet constables are allowed to carry rifles even when off duty.

● **PRETORIA:** Five more black men sentenced to death for murder were hanged on Monday at Pretoria Central Prison, the Justice Ministry said here (AFP reports). The executions bring to ten the number of black men hanged here in less than a week.

Hawke to reinstate minister in leak case

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Mr Mick Young, the former Special Minister for State, who resigned in July after it was revealed that he leaked details of the Cabinet decision to expel a Russian diplomat, is expected to return to the Labour Ministry in the New Year, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, indicated yesterday.

Mr Hawke was speaking in Parliament after a report by a Royal Commission headed by Mr Justice Hope into Australia's security organizations and the relationship between Mr David Combe, a former Labour Party Nationalist Secretary and now a Canberra lobbyist, and Mr Valery Ivanov, a First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. Mr Ivanov was expelled in May accused of being a KGB agent. Later it was disclosed that he had cultivated a relationship with Mr Combe.

The Royal Commission found that Mr Young acted improperly and without authorization when he disclosed the expulsion decision to Mr Eric Walsh, a Canberra lobbyist. There was no evidence that national security was damaged although it could have been.

Mr Hawke said that Mr Young would be given the opportunity of returning to the Government by the time Parliament resumed in February. The Prime Minister's statement brought a storm of protest from the opposition.



Love song: Mick Jagger serenades his girl friend Jerrilynn Fenton under a palm tree in St Peter, Barbados. There are wedding rumours.

Drought ends but thousands die

Nation stricken by hunger

In his concluding article on Mozambique Stephen Taylor reports the failure of the Frelimo Government's agriculture policy and its controversial resettlement programme.

The rains which have fallen over much of Mozambique in the past few months appeared to signal the end of its worst known drought. But they come too late for thousands of peasants dying because emergency aid is not reaching them in time.

Relief workers who have visited settlements at which drought victims have gathered are comparing the level of malnutrition to that in Biafra and Ethiopia.

About 600,000 people are critically affected in the provinces of Gaza, Inhambane, Manica and Sofala are also seriously affected. Everywhere in Mozambique people are hungry.

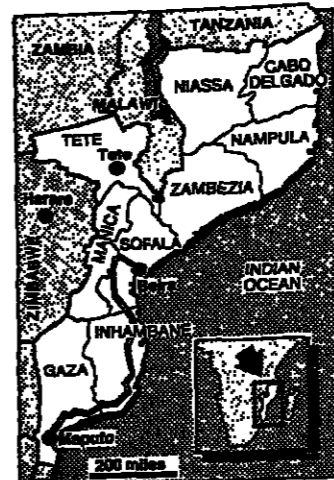
The areas of worst suffering are those in which rebels of the Mozambique Resistance Movement are most active. The drought's disaster has been directly compounded by the guerrilla war, which until recently has also obscured the extent of the problem.

Although the Frelimo Government claims that the main highway running north from Maputo to Beira has been rendered safe for traffic, about 80 per cent of food aid is being distributed from the sea to the refugee settlements which have sprung up within reach of the 1,900 mile coastline. The guerrillas, meanwhile, are making distribution impossible in much of the interior.

MOZAMBIQUE Part 3

The drought may be over, but the exodus of peasants from the land is also casting a shadow over prospects for the next harvest. Planting of the staples as maize ought now to be taking place and an additional problem is that seed reserves are exhausted.

In addition to human suffering the drought has contributed



to a disastrous decline in production of cashew nuts, which, along with fish, is Mozambique's principal export. A serious blight and an agricultural policy which the Government acknowledges as having been mistaken are also responsible for the decline from

80,000 tonnes in 1975 to an estimated 5,000 tonnes this year.

The about-turn on policy came at the Frelimo party congress earlier this year when, according to Senator Manuel Aranda da Silva, the Minister of Internal Trade, it was recognized that producers should be given a financial incentive. Similarly, the cooperative farm system is starting to give way to a system based around family agriculture.

The capacity to admit error, a quality of the Frelimo leadership which is widely admired, does not, however, extend to perhaps the most controversial of recent internal policy innovations, the so-called "Operation Production".

According to informed sources, more than 30,000 urban dwellers have been moved - in the main forcibly - from Maputo and other cities on the grounds that they are unemployed and parasites.

The majority have been sent to the northern provinces of Niassa and Cabo Delgado, where the guerrillas are least active and unlikely to disrupt agriculture.

The problem of overcrowding in Mozambique's cities is serious with populations vastly outstripping the ability of a Marxist bureaucracy to provide employment. Those who live on the fringe include prostitutes and black marketeers.

Such prime targets for resettlement were identified by a process which included secret denunciations and led to widespread abuse.

Concluded

Islamic powers told of their failures

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

Islamic foreign ministers were treated to a devastatingly frank analysis of the failures of the Islamic movement when they met for the ceremonial inauguration of their conference here yesterday.

Lieutenant-General Ershad, the chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, welcoming the delegates, said: "Honesty demands that we face up to our failures and shortcomings".

The general, who faces a good deal of trouble from opposition politicians angry at his terms for restoring democracy to Bangladesh, listed the failures of the Islamic powers.

"How much closer are we today to liberating the occupied territories and the Holy City of Jerusalem?" he asked the delegates from 31 countries and the PLO representatives of Palestine. "How many Muslim lives have been tragically lost in the cities of Beirut and Tripoli?"

He also listed the war between Iran and Iraq, the continued occupation of

Afghanistan, the turmoil in Chad and the denial of the Turkish Cypriot "Rightful claim to a bi-zonal federal state".

He asked what the Islamic world had done to right these wrongs and answered: "We have made imposing speeches and adopted lofty resolutions".

The general, sporting a dark blue pinstriped suit in place of his more usual khaki, said: "Can the Islamic world do no more? The answer, for there is an answer, is painfully visible. Our helplessness and ineffectiveness is the direct result of our internal conflicts and disputes".

He also castigated the slow progress in different areas of joint cooperation - economic, educational and cultural.

The delegates, meeting in the concrete splendour of Bangladesh's National Assembly, built by an American architect to resemble a medieval castle set among ruins, will be expected to discuss all the subjects General Ershad mentioned.

Indian Ocean nations draft treaty on coasts

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Legal experts from eight East African countries with coasts on the Indian Ocean met here yesterday to draw up a draft treaty to protect their coastal areas from marine pollution and to preserve marine life.

Those representing the north to Mozambique and Madagascar in the south, have already agreed to cooperate in a treaty to protect the waters of the western section of the Indian Ocean, on the lines of a treaty already in force in the Mediterranean.

The Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (Unep) is sponsoring the meeting. The experts will concentrate on legal measures to control pollution from land-based sources - such as discharge from rivers and sewage from coastal towns - as well as oil spills from tankers travelling along the East African coast.

Belgium acts to halt trade in ivory and fur

By Tony Samstag

Belgium is to ratify an international convention on traffic in wildlife on January 1, thus closing what the World Wildlife Fund describes as "the major conduit of Europe's trade in rare and endangered species".

Sabena Airline records show ivory shipments during the past 10 years "represent the deaths of up to 40,000 elephants". In the past five years, imports of furs and wild animals were worth £15m.

● **BRUSSELS:** Sabena has again come under attack for its role in the ivory trade, with the accusation that it has wrongfully been transporting tusks from Burundi (AFP reports).

The European Environment Bureau has joined the World Wildlife Fund in asking the airline to halt the carriage of unfashioned ivory under conditions contrary to the Washington Convention on endangered species.

Korean pleads guilty in Burma bomb trial

Rangoon (AP) - A North Korean army officer pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of murdering 21 people in the bomb attack against South Korean leaders in Rangoon's Martyr's Mausoleum on October 9.

Captain Kang Min Chul nodded after each of the charges was read out in the Rangoon division court - two murder charges, one of attempted murder and the fourth for illegal arms possession.

A second defendant, Major Zin Mo, refused to speak or make any gesture when charges against him were read. Under Burmese criminal procedure, the accused does not have to enter a plea.

The court chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel Maung Maung, asked prosecution and defence lawyers to present their final arguments in writing before Friday, when the court will pass sentence.

The maximum penalty for murder is death, attempted murder is punishable by life imprisonment and illegal possession of arms by 10 years in prison.

Korean officials and four Burmese. Among the dead were four South Korean Cabinet ministers and other senior officials.

After the court chairman read the judgment, Kang was asked to stand and was charged with premeditated murder. The charge was translated into English, then Korean. Kang hesitated and nodded, which was regarded as a guilty plea.

He appeared shaken, and he swayed. The chairman asked him to sit while the other charges were read.

The 29-year-old officer also pleaded guilty to wounding three pursuing policemen, the murder of three soldiers when he exploded a hand grenade in an apparent suicide attempt and illegal possession of a pistol with a silencer.

Yesterday's session began with the court chairman saying the evidence clearly showed that Major-General Kang Chang of the North Korean Army, ordered Zin Kang and a third officer, Sin Ki Chol, to go to Burma to assassinate President Chun Doo-hwan, who was on a visit.

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THE ARTS

The fall and rise of 'Star'



James Mason as Norman Maine: "Hollywood was not in favour of the picture"

"For me the whole thing was a great treat. When I first arrived in Hollywood I had put myself at a great disadvantage, because I didn't do the right things. At that time anyone with career ambitions had to sign up for a long-term contract with one of the studios. It was the only way you got a lift and the sort of vehicles on which a career is built up. But I didn't like the idea of a long-term contract, because it meant that somebody else would have to make my decisions for me.

"So I went freelance. I had done a couple of half decent pictures at 20th Century, but nothing else very promising. So that to be offered a film like *A Star is Born* was something special. I had heard that they were offering it to other people properly established people. They offered it to Bogey, for instance, and to Cary Grant, who had actually got to the point of sitting in at the readings with Judy.

"So it was very nice for me to get it. It was fun from the start. I thought Moss Hart's script was extremely good, and I had the greatest possible faith in Cukor, though it was the only time I ever worked with him. I approved wholeheartedly of all the cast, and I had an enormous admiration, sort of love, for Judy Garland already before we started.

"She was marvellous to work with. Of course she had her difficulties. She had got into this strange way of life when she

In 1954, George Cukor directed Judy Garland and James Mason in *A Star is Born* - a musical version of a story that had been twice filmed before: in 1932 by Cukor himself, as *What Price Hollywood?*, and in 1937 by William Wellman. The film had a spectacular Hollywood premiere on September 29, 1954, but a few weeks later Warner Brothers recalled the prints, to cut them from 3 hours to 150 minutes. Two years ago, with the support of the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and of Warner Brothers, Ronald Haver began the search for such fragments of the cut portions as might have survived, scat-

tered in the film vaults. After many months he had collected enough to reconstitute a version approximating to Cukor's original. Cukor himself died the day before its first screening, which Sheridan Morley described on this page a few months ago. The restored version of *A Star is Born* has just opened at the Gate, Notting Hill, and other cinemas. James Mason, who plays Norman Maine, a Hollywood star whose career is on the wane at the same time as Esther Blodgett (Garland) is rising to the top, recalls his experiences in making the film, in an interview with David Robinson

was a kid at MGM. Witnesses testify that it was then she got into the habit of uppers and downers, with the encouragement of the top brass at MGM. They wanted to get the most out of her, so they didn't take it amiss if she took a little pick-me-up in the morning and sleeping pills at night. It became a habit and in course of time got worse.

"But on the set she was wonderful, easy. She didn't put in as many hours as a less talented woman would have done. There were mornings when she wasn't fit to work until about eleven o'clock because she'd taken too many sleeping pills or something. When she woke up, though, she was great - marvellous, enthusiastic, thoroughly professional, a

joy to work with. Of course Cukor was sometimes exasperated when she didn't show up until late in the morning - after all he had to cope with Jack Warner as well, and was desperate to keep things going.

"The mood of Hollywood was not in favour of the picture. They shook their heads over Judy, who hadn't managed to make a film for four years since MGM dropped her contract: she had been 'suspended' from both *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Royal Wedding* for not showing up. She told me that a friend had heard Arthur Freed say, referring to her and her then husband, Sid Luft: "Those alley cats couldn't make a film". That was the mood of Hollywood. There was no enthusiasm either at Warners or in the

press: the dismal history of the film after it was finished was in these circumstances hardly surprising.

"We had a curious beginning with the film, because finally I was the one who held up that start. Not Judy. I got an inner ear embalance, which makes you dizzy; you stagger like a drunken man. I had to stay in bed for a week, and when I began work I was still a little foggy - and not helped by the way that George would talk, talk, talk: that made you dizzy. Anyway, I was able to use my foginess to advantage.

"Encouraged by Hoyningen-Huene, who was engaged as special colour adviser on the film, George had a funny idea of relating the theme of any scene he was trying to do to the work of a particular artist-painter, to achieve visual atmosphere. For this particular scene he had decided on Fuseli: he wanted to capture the feeling of one of Fuseli's nightmare paintings. I was not aware of the idea until I was going down a corridor and met a girl most peculiarly painted and got up. I stopped her and said: "Excuse me, what are you playing?" And she said: "Ah... I play a curtain". It was revealed that Cukor was going to mix these peculiarly painted girls with the curtains, so that they could move as if in a breeze. I would think in my drunken haze that I saw a girl, and then... "Ah, it's just a curtain." That was the idea, anyway. It didn't work. He abandoned it. He didn't have many ideas like that though, not on this picture.

"He was splendid to work with. Of course he had done most of his best work earlier, at MGM; afterwards it was not so interesting for him. But he was always shrewd enough to surround himself with very good technical advisers. The cameraman, Sam Leavitt, had not done anything very important before, but Cukor had formed the relationship with Hoyningen-Huene.

"Seeing the film again, too, I realize how important was the contribution of Gene Allen as the production designer. I think his contribution was more important than Hoyningen-Huene's. This was the first time that anyone had used CinemaScope imaginatively. Generally

it had been used only for big things like *The Robe*. Nicholas Ray in *Rebel Without a Cause* and Kazan with *East of Eden* had opened it up; and it had suited the underwater scenes in another film I did at this time, Richard Fleischer's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*; but this was the first time it had been used really intelligently.

"My own work on the film was finished, of course, as soon as there were no more dialogue scenes required. The scenes where I was involved with music had already been done. So at that point they stopped production and took a break to prepare the big, marathon numbers "Born in a Trunk" and "Lose that Long Face". The latter number was one of the cuts made by Warners. I didn't expect them to do anything as big as "Born in a Trunk". I was always poking my nose into other peoples' business and trying to solve their problems for them, and I knew that Jack Warner was getting rather browned off with the slow progress and mounting cost of the film. So I thought the best thing to do would be to call up Louis B. Mayer and see if he had some old numbers with Judy left over that they hadn't used in her films, and do a deal for them. That certainly is what I would have been tempted to do if I'd been in Jack Warner's shoes; so it came as a great surprise when they shot a 15-minute musical sequence.

"When I saw the film finally it had already been truncated; and I was disappointed. I felt the scenes cut from the beginning were among the best - certainly for Judy. She was playing them at a level of comedy, against a stressful situation, and was at her very best.

"Moreover, as it stood, "Born in a Trunk" seemed a big, un-called-for thing, quite disproportionate now that the film had been shortened. So I was disappointed; though not disappointed that "Lose that Long Face" had been dropped. In the full version, of course, you see how it helps that part of the picture: the placing of it actually makes it more dramatic. There are so many things that work better like that, and the public realizes it. Like me, I think the public's reaction to the cut version was one of disappointment although they could not at the time know why.

"Anyway, now we have the full version at last. It's most fun seeing it with an audience. I've done a certain amount of touring around with it - Radio City Music Hall (6,000 people - wonderful), Washington, Dallas, the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, a wonderful art deco theatre beautifully restored. I went to all these shows. It's a sort of charity deal really. I was doing it for and in the interests of the Academy, which is worth supporting. They have a hard time doing the work they want to do, part of which is restoring old films, which is very costly. The Oscar show, whatever you may think of it, makes a great deal of money for them. And that's what it's for: to provide funds for work like this on our picture".

Television



Videostars: John Birt and Caroline Quentin

Howard Shuman, he of the Rock Follies, thinks that the broad issue about television is whether you should send people to sleep or wake them up, which is too broad a definition for me, leaving out both those who do not need television as a stimulant to wakefulness and those for whom it provides a welcome answer to insomnia.

Mr Schuman favours waking people up. His *Understars*, BBC 1 last night, envisaged the kind of cable TV show he hopes there might be fears there will not be. I reckon his fears are well founded though. I do not think it will be a deprivation.

His play covered the fortunes of Channel D, produced as a kind of misfit TV and run by a manic bunch all well qualified to meet any such demand. There was the kind of television show guaranteed to indulge the appetite for gapping without participating, which television at its worst is best at. It rambled through 80 minutes with no trouble, full of fast-forward talk, pop caricature, cynicism, and entertainment. Channel D becomes a raging success resisted only by reactionaries who turn out to be corrupt but triumphant. At last the defeated crew is planning a pirate station to broadcast from a place called over Pimlico.

It was smart, slick, always on the edge of possibility, exuberantly directed by Colin Buckley and produced by Kenneth Trodd with strong performances by Tim Curry as the loony presenter, Benedict Taylor, Nicholas Ball and Walter Fall.

Yorkshire's *First Tuesday* went to West Virginia, where men are men and women will not be left on the surface. They go down the coal mines. There are 3,000 women miners in the US and, as Charles Flynn's film showed, they are a formidable breed.

Fifty-year-old Dorothy Keane, the first woman to venture into one Appalachian mine, testified that the men had put her through hell for six months but she had stuck it out and certainly did not seem diminished. Her grandchildren, she said, were ecstatic about her being a miner.

Women miners began to multiply five years ago when the Coal Employment Project took legal action to end discrimination. Opposition had come not only from men but from their wives, but the newer generation of males are taking female buddies for granted. This summer one woman died alongside six men in an underground explosion but this has only served to make the mines safer.

The second half of the programme, directed by Peter Gordon, dealt with strippers in the North-East. Stripping is one of the few booming businesses and the big day is Sunday when the men sip their pints and peer or leer while, presumably, their own little women are cooking the lunch. Sub-titles might have helped here and there but it was nicely done.

Dennis Hackett

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SPECTRUM

Walesa: 'We cannot fail to win'

Every morning this year's Nobel Peace Prize laureate takes the local commuter train to the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk where he clocks in, waves cheerily to the security guard and starts work in the electrical repair section. These days he looks a bit tired.



"I noticed at one point that the Holy Father looked tired", Walesa said. "I decided to cheer him up."

How do you feel in your role as Nobel Peace Prize laureate? The prize isn't for me; it's for the non-violent forms of struggle implemented by Solidarity. I told everyone who rang up to congratulate me, "It's all thanks to you. It's your prize."

and no one can handle it. If we have something to eat, then let the people on top squabble for positions; we'll do our own stuff. Why have you decided against going in person to accept the prize? I decided that my wife Danusia should go, along with our eldest son, and Mr Mazowiecki [a Catholic intellectual and adviser to Walesa].

Those who know me know also that I have been in prison many times. I am not afraid of it today any more than I was then. But I think that my activities are more effective, and more profitable, if they remain in the open. It's possible that one day I may be able to achieve more by being imprisoned. I'm really not afraid of it.

changed. What has happened is that the Church's obligations to the people have increased. It had to take on responsibility for helping the interned, the imprisoned, and all those in need, and it did this splendidly. Indeed, it continues to do it.

May I ask what you talked of during your last meeting with John Paul II? A communique was issued on the subject of my meeting with the Holy Father. I can add only one thing to it. I noticed at one point that the Holy Father looked tired, troubled. I decided to cheer him up, since I saw that he wanted to cheer me up, and I said: Holy Father, I think Poland is a chosen nation, the most fortunate nation in the world. The Holy Father looks at me and asks why. I say that every day, many times a day we can define ourselves. We live helplessly, things which are evident elsewhere are not evident here, black is white for us. We are constantly testing ourselves. That is why we are able to go back to the roots. At the same time we look at rich Americans and ask, by what tests do the measure themselves? Well, they can pick up a new girl, get a new car...

You are constantly surrounded and under surveillance by the police. How do you manage to live in these conditions? It's not pleasant, but you can get used to anything. Every situation has its good sides. Even when so many cars tail me and so many people follow me, at least everyone knows where their taxes are going. Do you read the newspapers? What is your reaction when the official press attacks you? Of course I read the papers. I especially enjoy reading articles in which I am attacked. Because if they attack me, that means that they are afraid of me, and of the rest of us. And anyway, the things they accuse me of are always absurd. Now, when I send my wife Danusia to take my place at the Nobel prize ceremonies, they will probably say I am sending her off because I want to play around with other women while she's away.

What do you expect from the West, today? Perseverance. Above all perseverance, and remembering that the work we are doing here is not only for ourselves. We are propagating peaceful methods of achieving goals. Our ideals apply not only to Poland. They should form the basis for international solidarity. What do you think of the pending trials of members of the National Commission and KOR [the Workers Defence Committee]? I am ashamed that such things take place in my country. Unfortunately, we have no effective means at the moment of preventing a situation where the best of us get sentenced and put in prison. These people really are the best among us, and we must do everything to prevent this. Bringing charges against seven members of the National Commission and experts from KOR isn't law, it's political revenge.

'They will achieve nothing with tanks' political revenge. It is an attempt to divide us. Of course we had our differences of opinion with Kuron [Jacek Kuron, KOR leader], or Rulewski [Jan Rulewski, Solidarity leader in Bydgoszcz region]. But I was the leader, I stood at the head of the National Commission. The talk about an extreme wing of Solidarity is propaganda rubbish. Their public statements are cut up and put back together in such a way as to make it seem that they wanted to overthrow everything. You can do that with anyone. We worked together, and if anyone finds them guilty, then they must find me guilty too.

What is 'Solidarity' today? A value and an ideal which we have served and which we continue to serve. The name Solidarity best expresses what we are doing and want to keep on doing. Do you have a programme of action? What is it? I'm not alpha and omega and I can't provide solutions on a golden platter. But it is certain that the people on the other side will come to see that they won't achieve anything with tanks and shouted threats. Some of them have already come to see this. They will become more and more divided among themselves, will blame each other when things continue to get worse. We must be prepared for that. We cannot let ourselves be divided and we must return to our factories. That is our place, that is where our strength lies. We must also have concrete economic and administrative solutions, so that we don't repeat the business with the Solidarity statutes, which were drawn up in two days because no-one had thought of it before. But I am a worker and I can't prepare that myself. There are wiser people out there, they should consider and draw up proposals, and the time for implementing them will surely come. I am convinced that we simply cannot fail to win. The system is inefficient, it doesn't work, and we must prepare new solutions. Perhaps it would be good if these were solutions not only for us, but for the whole world.



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A man from the Weather Centre saying that we are unlikely to have a white Christmas this year, but we can always dream about it. Bing Crosby on radio doing just that. The first Christmas card from someone you wouldn't dream of sending a card to. A search for gloves which reveals only three in the house, none of them matching. A horrendous traffic jam explained by the surly taxi driver as being caused by all those blasted people come to see the Christmas decorations.

The sudden realization that all the Christmas trees left in the shops are less than a foot high. The first Christmas card from someone whose address you have lost. The general air of foreboding and doom at work, caused by the approach of the office party. A cheery article about muffled wires and hot punches, which you cut out and put with all the articles you have cut out at previous Christmases.

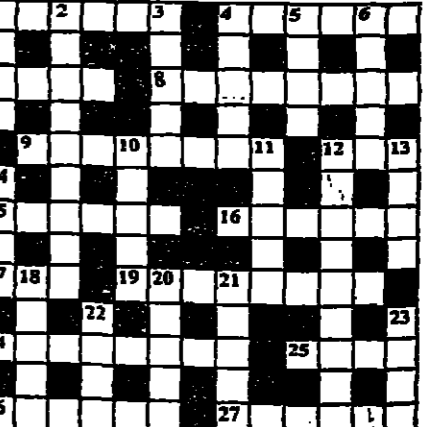
The first Christmas card from a relative abroad to whom it is now too late to send a card back. The first TV trailers for Christmas specials, made by TV stars who have already finished the programme and are now loitering in the Bahamas. An encouraging article saying that Beaujolais nouveau is now even better to drink than when it first got here, and that the stampele to drink it on the day of arrival was only a publicity gimmick by the importers. The article does not mention that it, too, is a publicity gimmick by the importers.

The first TV news item on Christmas at Greenham Common. The first Christmas card from an illegible signature. A belated decision to go out and buy a Christmas tree less than a foot high, only to find that they have all been bought by Japanese bonzai tree enthusiasts.

The first ice on the inside of the bedroom window. The first feature about young British novelists saying which pop-up books they have most enjoyed in 1983. A premature leak about the Queen's Christmas broadcast, revealing either that she is addressing the unemployed directly this year, or that Barry Manilow will make a guest appearance. An announcement by British Rail called Special Christmas Services, announcing that there will be no trains on Christmas Day.

The sudden memory that the big box hidden away for the children said on the lid "Batteries not included". A realization that the only calendars left in the shops feature either kittens or parts of Scotland coloured bright yellow and blue. The gradual replacement of all scheduled TV programmes by trailers for Christmas programmes. The appearance of the first TV news reader with a piece of holly on the desk. The total collapse of the television set five minutes after shops close for Christmas.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY



Tidings of something, if not exactly joy

I know it is a blasphemous thought at this time of year, but I do feel the religious lyric is bankrupt of all relevance to the reality of a modern Christmas.

While Shepherds quaffed their hocks by night All seated in the lounge Their little angel Maud came down And furious was her sound.

It is high time this diary turned back the pages of the calendar, in the interests of comparative study.

It is past midnight as I glide furtively up Orchard Road towards Maitland's house.

How lame theory is. I am reminded of a lad called Hemmings, who blew up his Doctor Barnardo's box in order to invest the contents in yet more explosives.

"While Shepherds quaffed" has not gone down at all well with the family in question. I had forgotten that (a) they live in a state of totalitarianism, and (b) their daughter is a byword in filial devotion.

The current fashion among women with careers is to put off having babies until they are well into their 30s.

She is treated just like her younger counterparts in a world where medics and midwives rule - visiting clinics, breathing classes, taking iron tablets and so on - except when it comes to amniocentesis.

As the trend to have children later in life becomes more common, so does the dilemma which accompanies the test.

The prospect of having the test at 16 weeks of pregnancy jars the cosy, smooth-flowing process of pregnancy. Amniocentesis involves injecting a hypodermic needle into the womb near the navel of the mother and withdrawing some of the amniotic fluid which surrounds the foetus.

For some women the actual test is not a trauma, merely a necessary means, with luck, to peace of mind for the rest of the pregnancy.

For such women, unpleasant decisions cannot be avoided. For example, Deirdre Austin, a practising Catholic from Acton, was 39 when she became pregnant for the first time.

One woman, a successful management consultant aged 34, had the test done privately because of her fear of having a Down's syndrome child.

The test cannot be done earlier because only then are the cells sufficiently developed. She had to wait over two weeks for the result, only to learn that the test hadn't taken.

This woman had risked the high odds on having a miscarriage by deciding to have the first test, after much discussion. Now she and her husband had to decide whether to have the test again, and risk another miscarriage.

The risk of miscarriage cannot be underestimated, nor can the danger of limb damage to the foetus and rhesus blood problems. Tim Coltar, director of studies and consultant at Guy's Hospital, comments: "At 35, according to the statistics, there is an overall 1/300 chance of finding abnormalities by having the test, while there is a 1/150 risk of miscarriage."

Obviously the dilemma becomes easier the older the woman is as the chances of having a mongol foetus becomes higher than the odds on a miscarriage.

In this country, practitioners tend not to use local anaesthetic, common in America, as the sensation is "barely more than a pin prick", comments Michael House, obstetric consultant at Charing Cross Hospital.

Michael House says that he has not dealt with a case where a mother refused to have a termination after abnormalities in the foetus were discovered, but I know of a couple who did just that and are now bringing up their mongol child.

Considering what a termination involves at such a late stage as 18-20 weeks, to go through with it takes courage. At that stage of pregnancy it is too late to have a simple surgical abortion under anaesthetic.

Perhaps the most galling thing of all is to be denied the choice of taking the test because you are just "under age", and then to give birth to an abnormal baby. This is what happened to Heather Tipton of Guildford, who was 36 when she became pregnant during her second marriage.

She continues: "When very soon afterwards I was pregnant again there was no question of not having the test. It was done at 16 weeks and I knew at 19 weeks that the child - now three-year-old Polly - was normal."

The risk of miscarriage, the cost to the NHS of doing the test at a younger age and the relative odds against having a deformed baby all weigh against amniocentesis being advised much before 37.

For most pregnant women the life-forming process after conception is pleasantly devoid of decisions. The deed is done and it is just a matter of being patient and watching the stomach grow. So to have to make a number of decisions about the amniotic test can be a shock.

And even after making choices, fate can still intervene. For example, a mother-to-be of twins recently had the test done twice - once for each foetal sack, it was thought. But in fact fluid was taken from the same sack twice by mistake. The tested child was normal, but the other, which escaped the test, was suffering from Down's syndrome.



Wendy Hole

Pudding for all tastes

Food, like child-rearing, is a subject on which everyone has views. To write about it is to invite an exchange of ideas and it is never possible to please everyone.

Talk about anything as basic as jam and several readers are sure to say that they have been making the stuff for years - grandmamma's recipe for several decades now and then they expect better, more interesting things from The Times.

Anything much plainer than Yorkshire pudding takes some finding. Yet the choice of formulas for this traditional dish is extensive and the results they produce are greatly varied.

There are hearty Yorkshire puddings baked under massive roasts and richly endowed with their drippings. These are the puddings for serving in mighty slices, with gravy, to blunt appetites raring for beef.

Then there are individual Yorkshire puddings of great virtue which are high and crisp and golden at the edges and tender in the middle. These are the ones I like best and I bake them in a tin designed for the job. When it arrived uninvited at the office several years ago, it looked like a candidate for the drawer of sticks that are more useful in theory than in practice.

Yorkshire puddings makes four 55g (2oz) self-raising flour 1/4 teaspoon salt

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

1 large egg 150 ml (1/2 pint) milk 4 teaspoons dripping Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Break the egg into the bowl and mix with the flour to make a smooth paste. Gradually add the milk,

mixing constantly, to make a smooth, lump-free batter. Allow the batter to rest for half an hour before cooking it.

Put one teaspoon of dripping (or oil at a pinch) in each depression of the tin. If you have to use a muffin tin with smaller dips, put half a teaspoon of fat in each of eight depressions. To heat the fat put the tin in a pre-heated hot oven (220°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for five minutes, or until it is smoking hot.

Pour the batter into the hot fat and bake the puddings for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve immediately with roast beef or with lamb.

Individual cheese-flavoured puffs of choux pastry called gougeres are equally good with lamb and beef. If they are baked in ramekins they will puff up like small, rough souffles.

Cheese gougeres Makes six 85g (3oz) butter 170g (6oz) plain flour

3 large eggs, separated 110g (4oz) Gruyere cheese, grated 30g (1oz) Parmesan, grated Salt and cayenne pepper

Butter six ramekins and set them aside. Put the remaining butter in a small saucepan with 175ml (6fl oz) water and when the butter has melted, bring to boil. Add the flour all at once and stir over a low heat until the paste leaves the sides of the pan. Take off the heat and beat in the egg yolks, one at a time, followed by the cheeses and a generous seasoning of salt and cayenne.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks. Stir a spoonful of the meringue into the cheese base, then fold in the remainder. Divide the mixture between the buttered ramekins and bake them in a preheated hot oven (220°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for 25 to 30 minutes. They should be well risen and golden. Run a knife round each dish and turn out the gougeres. Serve immediately.

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TALKBACK Women's work From Mr M. A. Symonds, Columbia House, Winton, Hereford As a father of six children may I be permitted to comment on male midwifery and in particular the article on the Friday Page, November 25, Philip Chalmers' explanation for wishing to qualify as a midwife seems more concerned with his determination as a very tiny minority to foist yet another opportunity for the purrulent on the supine British public.

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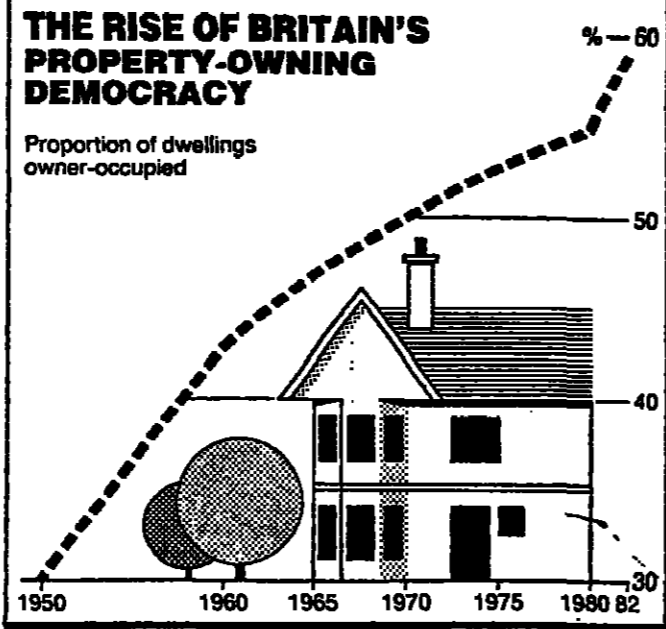
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Economic Commentary by Tim Congdon

Where capitalism's voice of doom went wrong with his prediction

Two great economists, John Maynard Keynes and Joseph Schumpeter, were born in 1883. Today Keynes is mentioned every day in the newspapers and parliamentary debates, while Schumpeter is - outside scholarly circles - rarely noted.

actively involved in production - the professions, intellectuals and, worst of all, journalists. These groups took a critical attitude towards their society, Schumpeter maintained. This hostility would eventually lead, as part of a comprehensive assault on the "bourgeois scale of values", to "moral disapproval of the capitalist order".



mistake was that he concentrated his attention on one kind of property - the capital assets operated by companies. He overlooked the role of the second important form of ownership - residential property.

So Schumpeter, although he has been right about increased concentration in industry and intellectual hostility to the market economy, has been wrong in his assessment of capitalism's political durability.

An assault on bourgeois scale of values

management of a large unit can ever have." The point may be overstated, but it is plausible. Schumpeter's work prompts two questions. Why has his central conclusion, the replacement of capitalism by socialism, been incorrect? And how have political leaders who support the market economy tried to defeat the corrosive cultural influences he identified?

Astonishing array of petty tax measures

households see owner-occupation as their ideal. In the 25- to 35-year-old age group the proportion is 90 per cent. A nation of small-time property speculators - and that, after all, is what the British have become - is unlikely to be a nation of socialist radicals and collectivist subversives. It is not even likely to take left-inclined intellectuals very seriously, no matter their prominence in the universities and the media.

APPOINTMENTS

Association elects chairman

The Association of Investment Trust Companies: Mr Raymond P. St. G. Cazalet, director, Henderson Administration Group, has been elected chairman of the association.

Whitehall notebook

Selling the estate to pay the servants

Chancellors have no doubt been getting away with murder since public spending plans were first published. But Mr Nigel Lawson got away with such a whooper a fortnight ago that it is still difficult to understand why so few cried "fool".

Whitehall notebook

Selling the estate to pay the servants

forecasts have been consistently several hundreds of millions on the cautious side in recent years, so another £2 billion could still fill central and local government coffers from once-and-for-all house and land sales next financial year.

Whitehall notebook

Selling the estate to pay the servants

house sales are no magical cash-rich, oil-cost transaction. They incur a long-term loss of revenue to the Exchequer - and they are sold off at 40 per cent average discount to open market value.

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WALL STREET table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes entries like AMF Inc, Allied Chem, Anglo Am, etc.

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Computer group up 112%

By Jeremy Warner

United Leasing
 Half-year to 30.9.83
 Pretax profit £1.2m (£573,000)
 Stated earnings £.7p (4.8p)
 Turnover £16m (£8.8m)
 Net interim dividend 0.8p (-)

United Leasing, an IBM computer leasing group, yesterday reported a 112 per cent increase in its half-year pretax profits. The profits rose from £573,000 to £1.2m in the six months to the end of September.

When United Leasing was floated on the stock market last July, the share issue flopped and only 50 per cent of the shares on offer were applied for. The shares were valued then at 140p each but they have forged ahead in recent months and rose a further 10p yesterday when they closed at 218p.

The company said that the market for IBM equipment remains extremely buoyant, helped by the high volume of 308X processors and 3380 disk drives being shipped abroad. United Leasing has benefited greatly from this popularity of IBM products.

The American subsidiary, Unilease Computer Corporation, is said to be making outstanding progress in the United States. A regional office is being established in Florida and the company is transferring its New York headquarters to larger premises.

An interim dividend of 0.8p is to be paid. Mr Parry Mitchell and his brother Ashley, the chairman and managing director respectively, are waiving their rights to this dividend.

RHM simplifies to accumulate more

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK • edited by Michael Prest

Like so many of the big companies that diversified without actually switching their emphasis in the Sixties and Seventies, Ranks Hovis McDougall is now in the middle of a process of simplification. It has already sold its agricultural business pulled out of Ireland and is halfway through the long and costly business of upgrading its bakeries during a period of bad trading.

However, perhaps because of its tradition of not breaking its business down into divisional results, this process will remain something of a mystery until the results show through.

The results for the year to September were encouraging at the bottom line, with pretax profits up from £35m to £44m, earnings per share up from 9p to 10.9p per share and a modest 5 per cent rise in dividends. There is every reason to expect a further, perhaps more modest, profit rise this year.

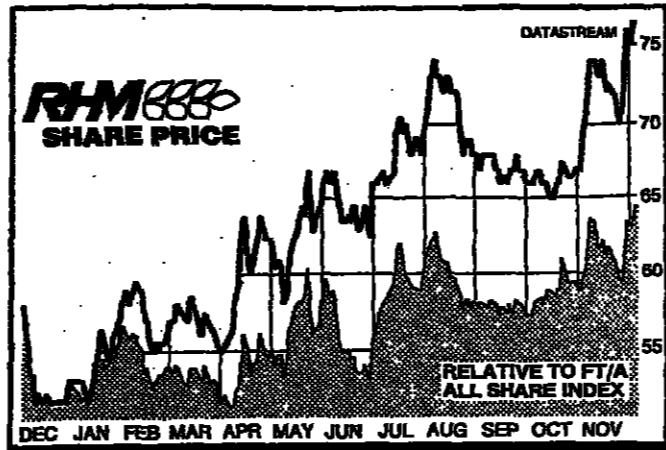
The agricultural sale will knock £500m off the group's turnover, static last year at £1.6 billion, but will make little difference to profits. Closure in Ireland will save roughly £2m this year.

But the big question is how soon Ranks can turn its bread losses into profit. Losses were probably cut from about £12m to £10m last year and are now running nearer the £8m level.

The bakery reconstruction programme is about halfway through but will only really show positive results in 1984-85 when the last of the new bakeries start operating. Bread prices, kept tight by market leader Associated British Foods, have risen slightly, but the recovery still looks gradual rather than dramatic.

The group gradually emerging has a thoroughly sound balance sheet and centres on food products in the United Kingdom and, more profitably, in the Far East (where Ranks has just floated off a quarter of its business). The trouble is that the most profitable products remain the traditional staples like salt and Bisto. The long-term test will be how the group can develop its newer products into big profits.

Meanwhile, thanks to the balance sheet and the dividend which yields 7.4 per cent at 76p, investors can safely continue to look at the bottom line rather than have nightmares about bread. If Ranks does not put that right, someone else will.



average price received was £8,603 a tonne compared with £6,858.

But it is also true that the new Tri-flo treatment plant has increased capacity by a quarter. Tin in concentrates produced rose from 415 tonnes to 457 tonnes, while recovery, helped by a modest improvement in grades, was 4.61 kilograms per tonne against 4.41.

To sustain progress, £2.2m is to be spent on sinking a submarine shaft below the old Levant workings. The prospect of maintaining reserves should underpin the share price of 138p, up 10p, and the full year dividend.

Coalite

Coalite's peripheral activities - like builders' merchanting, sheep farming in the Falklands and vehicle building - are showing an encouraging improvement. But with almost 90 per cent of profits derived from

benefit even more from higher local authority spending. The vehicle building interests, which include Dormobile, would also be helped by more government money for things like ambulances.

The Falklands sheep have produced a good crop this year with shearing taking place now which will help the second half though long-term question marks obviously hang over the operation there.

The balance sheet remains strong with cash and investments up on the figure of £40m shown in the last report. While much depends on the winter weather, Coalite should make more than £31m for the full year. Meanwhile, the interim dividend has been increased from 1.55p to 1.67p.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- Butterfield-Harvey**
 Half-year to 1.10.83
 Pretax profit £739,000 (£513,000)
 Turnover £22.8m (£21.6m)
 Net interim dividend None (same)
- Carlisle Capel & Leonard**
 Year to 30.9.83
 Pretax profit £1.4m (£904,000)
 Stated earnings 1.47p (1.45p)
 Turnover £40.4m (£33.2m)
 Net interim dividend 1p (same)
- Rowlinson Securities**
 Period to 30.9.83
 Pretax profit £332,000 (£322,000)
 Stated earnings 1.27p (1.24p)
 Turnover £4.7m (£4.3m)
 Net interim dividend 0.18p (same)
- Leads Group**
 Year to 30.9.83
 Pretax profit £1.2m (£1.1m)
 Stated earnings 16.5p (15.3p)
 Turnover £9m (£8.9m)
 Net dividend 4.5p (same)

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in Cx per tonne
 Coffee, arabica, super 10 pounds per 100 lbs
 Cocoa, super 10 pounds per 100 lbs
 Sugar, C, 1000 lbs per ton

OTHER COMMODITIES

Wheat, soft red winter, No. 2
 Wheat, hard red winter, No. 2
 Corn, yellow, No. 2
 Soyabean meal, 48% protein
 Soyabean oil, 1st grade
 Linseed oil, 1st grade
 Cottonseed oil, 1st grade
 Copra, 1st grade
 Coconut oil, 1st grade
 Palm oil, 1st grade
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 Tin, 1000 lbs per ton
 Silver, 1000 oz per 1000 oz
 Gold, 1000 oz per 1000 oz
 Platinum, 1000 oz per 1000 oz
 Nickel, 1000 lbs per ton
 Zinc, 1000 lbs per ton
 Lead, 1000 lbs per ton
 Copper, 1000 lbs per ton
 Aluminium, 1000 lbs per ton
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The Northern American Trust PLC

Results for year ended 31st October 1983

Per Ordinary Share	1983	1982
Net Asset Value	+29.4%	274.7p
Earnings	-4.1%	5.39p
Dividend	*	5.4p

Geographic Distribution of Assets at 31st October 1983.

NORTH AMERICA (1982)	42% (36%)
UNITED KINGDOM (1982)	40% (54%)
JAPAN & OTHERS (1982)	18% (10%)

*...the U.S. recovery remains firmly established and the outlook for corporate profitability there and elsewhere is good. The Company will therefore continue to be fully invested with a preference for companies in the U.S.A. and Japan.

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SIX MONTHS UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

	6 months to September 30		Year to March 31
	1983	1982	1983
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Group income	63,454	68,082	135,191
Profits on realisation	20,431	8,126	21,397
Associated companies	3,777	3,334	6,158
	87,662	79,542	162,746
Interest on borrowings	51,680	54,012	106,882
Provisions	15,787	14,475	30,834
	67,467	68,487	137,716
Profit before tax	20,195	11,055	25,030
Estimated tax	8,412	3,414	7,678
Profit after tax	11,783	7,641	17,352
Extraordinary costs	1,205	74	2,741
	10,578	7,567	14,611

Notes:
 1. An interim dividend will be paid in respect of the year ending March 31, 1984 of 2.5p per share, £2,875,000 (1982: 2.0p per share, £2,300,000).
 2. The figures for the year ended March 31, 1983 are taken from accounts filed with the Registrar of Companies and the auditors' report was unqualified.



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BELLS SCOTCH WHISKY BELLS

The shares of the beleaguered tyre-company Dunlop slipped to 46p yesterday, precariously close to the year's low of 41p, as confusion grew over the Malaysian Pegi group's response to the proposed rescue operation.

Dunlop nears year's low

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Nov 28. Dealings end, Dec 9. Contango Day, Dec 12. Settlement Day, Dec 19.

money supply figures for November better than expected Government Securities managed to notch up some useful gains, averaging 2 1/2%.

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immediate intention to visit London to discuss the deal he did not rule it out. Interestingly, negotiations between the two parties have been going on in London with Pegi's financial advisers Samuel Montagu & Co.

According to Sarasin the next step is gaining a quoted vehicle and then finalising the financing arrangements before formal talks with Pegi can fruitfully take place.

That was enough to push the index to a new closing peak of 748.2, up 6.2 points, despite the market jitters in the oil sector ahead of today's Opec meeting.

The market breathed a sigh of relief over the pound's stability at the lower levels and with the week account also fuelled the gains. Both MEPC and Land Securities gained 9p to 368p and 278p, respectively but new highs were registered throughout the list.

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MISS DURIE one set up as rain halts play

Melbourne (Reuter) - Jo Durie of Britain, became the first player in four months to take a set off the world number one, Martina Navratilova, before rain interrupted quarter-final match at Kooyung yesterday.

Trailing 3-4 in the opening set, Miss Durie displayed remarkable coolness to grab an immediate break back, and take the next three games for the set 6-4. Miss Navratilova lost a set in the Canadian Open final against her fellow American, Chris Lloyd, in August.

Just hours after the match was halted, Women's Tennis Association officials here confirmed that Miss Durie had entered the top 10 in the women's singles rankings, for the first time. Before winning the New South Wales Open in Sydney two weeks ago, Miss Durie was ranked thirteenth, but the officials said she was now eighth in the standings.

Miss Navratilova has to her credit an amazing six-month run of 83 victories with only one defeat, by the American, Kathy Horvath, in the French Open quarter-finals.

Miss Durie looked shaky in the opening stages of yesterday's match, when she was 5-0 and then 4-2 down. Her tentative strokes set up the second break for Miss Navratilova in the sixth game, but almost immediately the tone of the Briton's game changed. She volleyed with more authority, took the lead at the net and wrong-footed Miss Navratilova with a series of accurate passes.

Miss Durie broke back in the seventh game and managed to hold her serve after double faulting twice in the eighth. She surprised her opponent with two brave cross-court passing backhands, and a third which skimmed down the line for a 3-4 lead. She then held serve for the set. The winner of the tie, which continues today, will meet Pam Shriver, who had a comfortable victory over Carling Bassett, in the quarter-finals.

The Wimbledon champion, Sylvia Hanika, seeded to meet Miss Navratilova in the final, fell surprise victim to the No 9 seed, Kathy Jordan.

Melbourne (AFP) - Women players are to seek a five-set final in the Virginia Slims championship in New York next February, the WTA announced today.



Piquet: "I used to pray for my car to break down"

Piquet pinpoints a problem of power

The formula one world champion driver, Nelson Piquet, one of a select few who have successfully made the transition direct from formula three, expressed concern yesterday at the rapidly widening power gap between the two formulae, and the difficulties which this is creating for drivers hoping to emulate him.

"I was very lucky," he recalled. "I had my first formula one drive at Silverstone in a McLaren, and in those days it meant maybe three times the power I was used to, and a lap time seven or eight seconds quicker. Today, drivers attempting to go straight from formula three to formula one - where we are using anything up to 850 horsepower on full boost for our qualifying laps - have to lap up to 16 seconds a lap just to get on the grid for six times the power they've been used to."

"Testing is not so bad. You do a few laps then come into the pits for a rest and a think, but racing is a different matter. When I started in formula one, I prayed for my car to break down because I was so exhausted. I was very lucky, because in that first year it nearly always did. I hadn't realized how much fitter you had to be to race in formula one competitively, and it was simply not nearly fit enough. The cars are so much heavier to handle with all that power, and you find it so much more difficult to concentrate for two hours in a grand prix, then for, say, 20 minutes in a formula three race."

With formula two proving too expensive for many Grand Prix aspirants, formula one team managers are sharing Piquet's concern about the 600 to 700 horsepower power differential with which formula three drivers are being confronted. Several of them have already expressed support for a move to create an interim Formula 3,000, using the Ford Cosworth DFV three-litre engine in suitably detuned form to restrict it to 400 to 450 horsepower. Such a formula

would be both cheaper to operate and considerably more powerful than formula two, thereby providing the ideal stepping-stone.

Another enthusiastic advocate of such an interim formula is John Webb, the managing director of Motor Circuit Developments, who next July will become the first organization in Britain to stage a motor race with an operational budget of \$1m. As it is also MCD's intention to set aside two days of testing at Brands Hatch for the British Grand Prix, sponsored by John Player, during the Easter weekend, this would provide an admirable opportunity for them to include a speculative Formula 3,000 "trial run" race in full view of all the grand prix team managers.

John Webb has decided to take another look at formula two which, in the past, has not proved to be a commercial success on MCD circuits.

There is also to be an expansion of Thunderports racing, for high-powered two-seater racing cars, which have proved to be a major spectacular attraction in its first season, and on March 31 and April 1, Brands Hatch will be the venue for a two-day meeting supported by a field of 500 cars, all of which will be lined up on the circuit, attended by their drivers, for close-up inspection by spectators.

Universities' challenge to pass on Corinthian spirit

As Oxford and Cambridge step out this afternoon for their centenary match, they and the Football Association should be asking why they are at Wembley. The valued privilege requires a reason more relevant than their venerable ancestry. They celebrate the past, but what of the present?

The thousands of attending schoolboys, accustomed to seeing on television our celebrated professional "stars" kicking away the ball at free-kicks, tripping, handling and obstructing almost with impunity, can be treated to something as good as anything as golf or snooker; always provided that the masters in charge have the willingness to stop their pupils throwing sandwiches and coke tins at each other, a regular hazard for the older spectator.

Now more than ever, it should be said, the universities have an obligation to show that the game can still be played with fun, sportsmanship, a ready acceptance of the laws and of misfortune, and the respect for professionals and schoolboys alike that sport can enhance rather than demean the human experience.

Will Robin Russell and Keith Wright, the respective coaches, have given their men that splendored sense of optimism and adventure which Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson, Bill

Prolific pair's toughest test

Their names may never roll of the tongue as easily as those of Daigh and Pearce, but the partnership of Duck and Pearce could be one to look out for in the FA Cup this season. George Duck and David Pearce, who play for Harrow Borough in the Isthmian League, form probably the most formidable goalscoring combination in non-League football. On Saturday they have the chance to prove themselves against leaving Southend, Dux, and Harrow entertain Newport County in the second round of the Cup.

Pearce has scored 119 goals in 212 games since signing for Harrow in February 1980. Duck 84 goals in 135 games since his arrival in July 1981. Yet the stats that they made in football could hardly be less auspicious. Duck failed to make the grade at Millwall and moved on to Southend United where he made three League appearances and Pearce was released by Millwall after just one first team appearance.

After leaving Southend, Dux, now aged 31, joined Wadstone

named skipper, Ironside, must get to grips with the equally appropriate Husbellee.

Cambridge's recent victories over an FA XI and Cambridge United, the latter by 6-3, and no defeats against Arsenal and Tottenham teams, suggest that their 4-2-2 formation, though it might not accommodate the concept of G. O. Smith or C. B. Fry, will have the advantage. Oxford's more enterprising 4-2-4 is designed around wingers Grant and Ziemer. Their right back, Mataxa, passed a fitness test yesterday.

It is no truism to say that if Oxford and Cambridge today cannot echo at Wembley some of the faded virtues of their heritage, then what chance have the rest.

It was here, in front of 10,000 spectators, that Pegasus twice won the Amateur Cup, and those of us who followed in the wake of that achievement also experienced the rare physical and mental intoxication; a collective pursuit of excellence which, however humble and ragged it looked on those less successful persons in all too earthy surroundings far from Wembley, carried a special feeling of crusade, a responsibility beyond oneself and the club to that intangible concept of the game which has stirred the imagination of millions.

Old men's memories and sportsmanship in a material world

The old days were not necessarily always the good old days. Yet since the Centenary Association Football match between Oxford and Cambridge bridge is to be played at Wembley today, a look back at the past may have its rewards.

It was out of the public schools - the Arthur Dunn sides of the early and the universities of the early nineteenth century that the game grew from its hybrid state. It was Cambridge who can be counted the father and mother of the organized game that eventually swept the world.

In 1846 and 1848, a committee was formed under J. C. Thring and W. H. Webster, W. H. Lister and R. S. Grant, the goalkeeper and later captain of the West Indies test team, to draw up the laws of the game.

Since the war both sides have gained much from professional coaching in the matter of tactics and techniques. It was not always thus. In my day at the end of the 1920s, it was a case of drill take the hindmost (in the most gentlemanly fashion of course) and just as Cambridge were about to take the field at Stamford Bridge, as centre half I remember the captain at the skipper, "Green," he said, "I want to see the three Oxford inside forwards face down in the mud the first five minutes." That it was your correspondent who was upended by three dark blue marauders no doubt was justice. We were just natural footballers in those days, who gave and took without complaint.

The century has enclosed some memories of Wembley. For Oxford can overlook the immortal CB Fry at the turn of the century; KRG Hunt, who won a Cup Final medal with the players in 1906; or RE Foster, another donor of the trophy like Fry, who still holds the record score of 287 at Sydney in 1903/4 for an Englishman in a Test match in Australia.

For Cambridge there was WN Combs, the captain of the 1920s; AM Walters, and the three Ashton brothers from Winchester in the same side of the 1920s when Cambridge came to be known as "Ashton Villa".

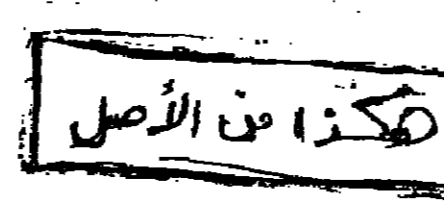
Out of all this emerged the Cambridge University side of Pegasus, who won the Amateur Cup in 1951 and 1953. Now they are just a warm memory, and tonight, when over 300 blues of dark and light shade, gathered for the centenary banquet, and the CB Fry Bowl is presented to today's winners, the wine will circulate and old men will dream the dreams of youth again.

The university match is frequently a great leveler and a delicious source of surprise. The name of 1921 was a prize example.

Geoffrey Green

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FOOTBALL: BURKINSHAW'S CHANCE TO CONQUER EUROPE, ENGLAND, THE WORLD

Tottenham risk two wingers and gamble on Hoddle's pride

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent
Tottenham Hotspur and Bayern Munich will tonight play a game of risk at White Hart Lane. The stakes are high. For not only are they competing for a place in the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup, but the victors will be regarded as one of the favourites to go on and win the competition.



Ardiles: could come on for the last 20 minutes.

hope that he can stay on the pitch long enough to present a genuine threat. A fortnight ago, that amounted to 45 minutes. But Rummenigge's departure merely left the stage open for his 19-year-old brother, Michael, who showed that he can be as quick and as dangerous - particularly on the break - in a manner so reminiscent of his more famous sibling, he dimmed Tottenham's lights by claiming the winner six minutes from the end.

World Cup favourites and favouritism

By Stuart Jones
The World Cup finals may be 30 months away but, shortly after three o'clock this afternoon, a record entry of 121 nations will begin to plot their routes to Mexico. The roads will each start in Zurich, where the draw is to take place at FIFA's headquarters, and 97 of them will finish short of their intended destination.

BOXING: EUROPEAN FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Wallace, homework finished must now pass French test

By Srikanth Sen, Boxing Correspondent



Wallace: weight problem

That first round bout from George Fossy that halted Tony Willis's challenge for the British lightweight championship on Saturday stopped boxing experts in their tracks. They had been predicting an epic encounter. If you ask the experts about the chances of Britain's world-class flyweight Keith Wallace relieving the unranked Antoine Monteiro of his European title at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel tonight they stroke their chins wisely and say "Don't know much, not after what happened to Willis".

When asked "Why are you looking so pale?" Wallace answers, "Don't know, maybe it's the cold". His corner makes light of the weight problem. They are quite confident about the outcome of the bout. "He is not like Willis. He keeps his hands up. He'll walk through him."

Coolness the key in freezing conditions

From Clive White, Prague
What, you ask yourself, have Watford got to smile about. They are third from bottom of the first division, a goal down from the home leg of a UEFA Cup first-round tie and short of five first-choice but ineligible players. Yet not even the temperature of minus seven (C) with accompanying snow could numb this jovial band of players, supporters and officials when they arrived here yesterday.



Jobson: erratic.

It is this bubbling optimism and attitude that problems are there to be overcome that he tries to instill in his players. He has told them not to worry if the score is still 0-0 at half-time. "We scored three in seven minutes on Saturday. It is not impossible to score three in seven minutes. It's normal," he said. "I've told them to keep their discipline and think, think, think."

Canute Clough and the tide of passion

By Hugh Taylor
The rapturous encouragement of more than 60,000 of Britain's most passionate football supporters and the fierce determination of Scots to ensure that the old enemy from England are defeated combine to make Celtic favourites to win the UEFA Cup tie with Nottingham Forest at Parkhead tonight.

Athletics Cram leads to the altar

Steve Cram, the world 1,500m champion, has cast doubts on the use of altitude training in his bid to win the Olympic title in Los Angeles next summer.

CRICKET Rebels with backbone

Johannesburg (Reuter) - The unofficial West Indian touring party go into their first one-day international match against a South African side here today buoyed by a more solid batting performance in the preliminary games than in their first boycott-breaking tour earlier this year.

Graham returns after injury

Arthur Graham is back in Manchester United's team for their Milk Cup fourth round replay with Oxford United at Old Trafford tonight.

Kirk backs Boycott compromise

Reg Kirk, one of the leading members of the Yorkshire Members 1984 Group and also on the Yorkshire County Cricket Club general committee, has given his support for a compromise on the Boycott issue "before the county tears itself apart."

Content, but not in the pink

By George Chesterton
Charterhouse.....2 Westminster.....2
Westminster yesterday took the lead early, lost it in the second half but managed an equalizer in the dying minutes.

Charlton's punishment in blanket of secrecy

The troubled second division club, Charlton Athletic, ran into more difficulties yesterday, when they were found guilty of breaking Football League regulations over the transfer of Ronnie Moore from Rotherham earlier this season.

Hamburg's need for world title

Bonn (Reuter) - Hamburg, already out of this season's European Cup, badly need to beat Gremio of Porto Alegre in next Sunday's world club championship in Tokyo to fend off a pressing financial crisis.

FOR THE RECORD

- AMERICAN FOOTBALL: NATIONAL LEAGUE: Detroit Lions 13, Minnesota Vikings 2. REAL TENNIS: Los Angeles: MCC 3, Haddad House 2. MCC beat 1: A. Williams in 2 sets, 6-4, 6-5; B. Williams in 2 sets, 6-4, 6-5; D. R. Woolley lost to Chris Dean, 3-6, 4-6; B. S. Theobald lost to Chris Dean, 3-6, 2-6; A. O. Spooner in 2 sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. CURLING: VAESTERAAAS, Sweden: European championship: West Group A: Italy 7, Wales 5; Scotland 6, Norway 5; Netherlands 2; Switzerland 11; Luxembourg 8; Finland 9; Austria 3; Norway 6; Switzerland 6; Netherlands 9; Luxembourg 4; West Group C: France 7, Norway 2; Sweden 12; Luxembourg 2; West Germany 8; Wales 4; West Germany 13; England 3; Italy 13; Finland 3; Switzerland 13; Denmark 4; Scotland 10; Denmark 2.

Van Breukelen to go

Brian Clough yesterday recalled the Dutch international goalkeeper, Hans Van Breukelen, into Nottingham Forest's team, and, at the same time, arranged for the player's probable transfer back to The Netherlands. The Forest manager admitted that he had "negotiated a price" for Van Breukelen, aged 27, with PSV Eindhoven, Forest's victims in the last round.

Monday's Results

- Milk Cup: Third round, third replay: Westsax Milk Cup: Westsax Milk Cup 3 (Birmingham at home) to Liverpool. ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Derby v Frickley postponed. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Worcester 1, Newcastle 2. Second division: Wolves 1, Grimsby 1. FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Plymouth 3, Oxford United 1; West Bromwich Albion 2, Oxford United 1; West Ham 12, Woking 1; Queen's Park Rangers 6, Southend 1. LEAGUE: First division: Southampton 1, Graysand and Northam 2. Second division: Poole 1, Addoness and Weybridge 2; Walsleyville 2, Ashford 4.

TONIGHT CARMEN WILL BE STABBED.

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CRICKET

Zaheer hopes for an upturn

Adelaide (AP) - The Pakistani party arrived in Adelaide yesterday for the third Test match against Australia...

OPERA & BALLET

BLOOMSBURY, Gordon St WC1 3AT. Royal Opera House Covent Garden. The Royal Ballet. The Royal Opera.

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL, Barbican Centre. Royal College of Music. Various orchestras and soloists.

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ADDELPHI 30, 7-11, 2nd. Adelphi Theatre. Various plays and musicals.

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CLIFF RICHARD. Standing Room Tickets. Apollo Victoria Theatre.

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, Covent Garden. The Royal Opera. Various productions.

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CINEMAS

CINEMAS. Various cinema listings and showtimes.



Zaheer: optimist

No Lord's for the ladies

There is no room for the England women's cricket team at Lord's in 1984. A request for a one-day international against the New Zealand women's team to be played at Lord's next summer has been turned down.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL: Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur (1) (12.00), Liverpool v Manchester United (1) (12.00), etc.

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

PARLIAMENTARY SESSION 1983-84. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the session of the House of Commons will be held on Monday, 12th December 1983.

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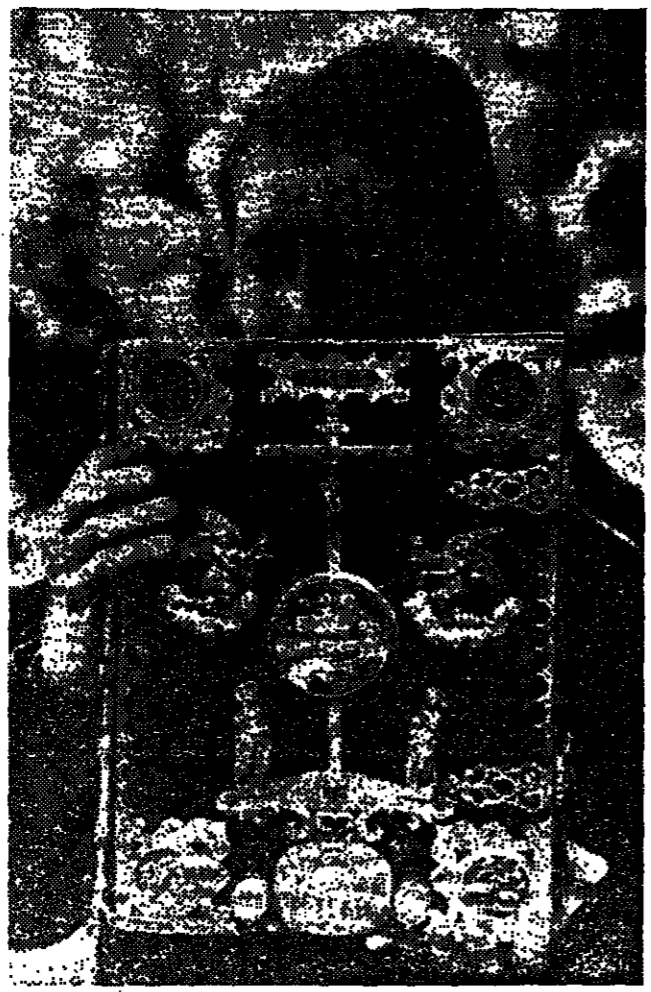
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Frank Johnson in the Commons
Welsh accent on Chinese missiles

Those of us unashamed metropolitans who sometimes have difficulty with such accents as the Welsh, yesterday understood Mr Roy Hughes, a Labour member from the principality, reveal that cruise missiles were coming in via Barry Docks for storage at Taiwan.



The Gospels on display yesterday and a delighted Herr Abs (centre, in spectacles) after the auction. (Photographs: Suresh Karadia).

£8m book vendors' identity is secret

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
West Germany expressed its delight yesterday at the purchase of the Gospels of Henry the Lion.

Jerusalem bomb kills four

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renewed pressure today from Labour and from some of the Government's backbench supporters to withdraw the British contingent from the peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

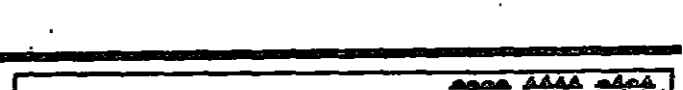
was under consideration. To Mr Tim Sebastian, of BBC Television News, she said she had heard the rumour "but there is no truth in the rumour at the moment".

basic circumstances in Beirut (Rodney Cowton writes)
Mr Heseltine, who is attending a meeting of the Nato Defence Planning Committee in Brussels, gave his account of recent developments to journalists after the severe criticism of the Government in the Commons on Monday.

EEC facing collapse after Athens fiasco

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Andreas Papanastriou, hoped for a happy outcome under the French presidency but if this failed, he added, "then the end of the Community will be visible".

guilty of sticking out for durable solutions.
"His poured scorn on the way some other countries had run away from the problems. All the others are takers, she said, and I do resent it very much when they talk about British demands. We are not making demands. We are giving notice that we cannot continue paying in as much as we pay now."



NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars

Weather and High tides section. Includes a map of Britain with pressure systems and a table of high tide times for various locations.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

- Today's events
Royal engagements
The Queen dines with the officers of the Royal Tank Regiment at Merchant Taylors' Hall, 8.

New books - hardback

- The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A History of the Indian People, by D. P. Sinha (Methuen, £19.95).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,303

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and a list of clues.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are:
£10,000: 11AZ 998912 (the winner)

Roads

Midlands: A1: Lane closures for roundabout construction at Colsterworth, Lincs. A46: Lane closures Warwick by-pass, Warwickshire, lane closures. A6: Traffic signals in Belper, Derbyshire.

Anniversaries

Birth: Gian Lorenzo Bernini, sculptor, painter, Naples 1598; Will Carter, novelist, Winchester, Virginia, 1875; Stuart Davis, painter, Philadelphia, 1894. Deaths: Sir Peter Lely, portrait painter, London, 1680; Edward Irving, founder of the Catholic Apostolic Church, London, 1834.

Talks, Lectures

Foucault's Pendulum and Absolute Rotation, by Prof Brian Pippard, Large Theatre, Bryan Building, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, 11.

The papers

Lebanon takes the headlines in the Washington Post, which says that the weekend's violence indicates that the Reagan Administration still has not found its way in that troubled place.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$, Austria Sch, Belgium Fr, Canada \$, Deutsch M, Denmark Kr, Finland Mkk, France Fr, Germany DM, Greece Dr, Hongkong \$, Italy Lira, Japan Yen, Netherlands Gld, Norway Kr, Portugal Esc, South Africa Rd, Spain Pta, Swedish Fr, Switzerland Fr, USA \$, Yugoslavia Dnr.

Around Britain

Table of weather forecasts for various British locations including Scarborough, Brighton, London, Manchester, etc.

Abroad

Table of weather forecasts for various international locations including Alicante, Alexandria, Algiers, Amsterdam, Athens, etc.

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